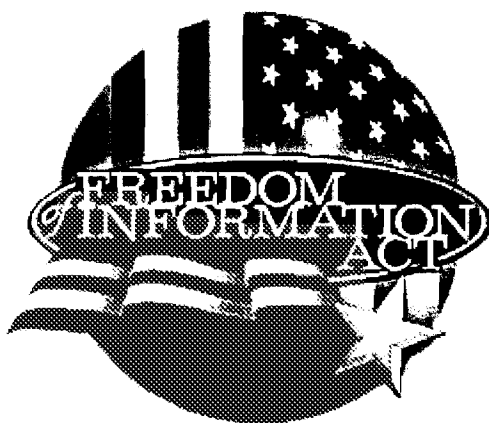


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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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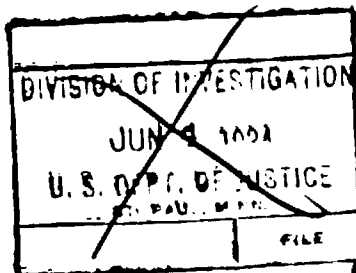
BREKID UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HERE ADVISES HAS NO OBJECTION TO
DELIVERING MONEY NOT IDENTIFIED AS RANSOM MONEY FOUND IN POSSESSION
OF VIDLER TO PROPER OWNERS.

ADVISE PROGRESS IN SEARCH FOR HIDEOUT SO CITIES SEARCHED IN
YOUR TERRITORY MAY BE CLOSED IN OUR FILES. ALL CITIES, TOWNS,
OF FOUR OR MORE POSSIBILITIES COMPLETED ST. PAUL DISTRICT. NOW
BEGINNING SEARCH THREE POSSIBILITIES.

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OK CGO RMBV



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Edward R. Bremer

June 6, 1934.

Mr. H. H. Clegg,
 Division of Investigation,
 U. S. Department of Justice,
 P. O. Box 815,
 St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

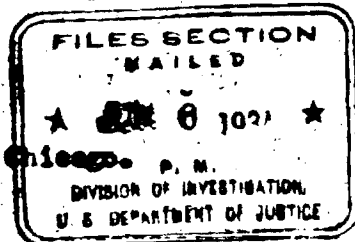
Reference is made to the fingerprint examination being conducted in connection with the case designated as BRAXID.

The photostatic copies of the fingerprints of John Crawford, #4871 PD Chicago, Illinois, submitted by the Chicago office with letter dated May 17, 1934, have been found to be identical with the finger impressions of John Crawford, #3435 SP Joliet, Illinois. A search through the main fingerprint files of the Division also reveals that our file #9227 has been assigned to the criminal record of Louis Pastore, a copy of whose fingerprints were submitted with your letter of May 18, 1934.

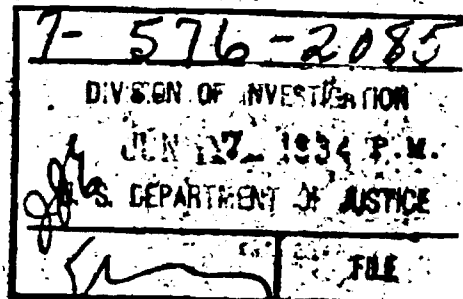
The fingerprints of the two above named individuals have been compared with the latent fingerprints which have been previously developed in this case, but no identifications were effected.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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June 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 19, 1934, in connection with the case designated as BREKID.

Approximately forty-five latent fingerprints, eleven of which are susceptible of classification and are now being searched through the single fingerprint file, were developed on the specimens of paper material. Three of the latent prints appearing on the receipted statement made out to "William B. Lohman, Apartment 9-1-7137 Yates" have been identified with the left middle, ring, and little fingers of Alvin Karpis, our file #199217, this information being in confirmation of my teletype of May 31, 1934. The remaining latent fingerprints have been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals, with negative results:

Alvin Karpis, our #199217.	Dorothy Elyman, our #524620.	Arthur Parker, our #380488.
Bernard Phillips, our #328905.	Joseph Fox, our #284945.	Harry Campbell, our #419854.
Volney Davis, our #400441.	Alvin Payton, our #676983.	Fred Barker, our #36129.
Glen Roy Wright, our #79217.	Fred Parker, our #59163.	Theodore Benz, our #510598.
	Edward Bentz, our #1279.	

Approximately thirty latent fingerprints, of which three are of sufficient detail to permit search through the single fingerprint file, were developed on the beer bottles and miscellaneous glass articles. The latent finger impression appearing on a beer bottle and another on the small mirror are identical with the left index finger of Karpis.

Your office will be further advised as to the results of the remaining direct comparisons and searches now being conducted.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JFH:RDS

June 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Cowley telephoned from Indianapolis at approximately 2:45 p.m. He stated he had been talking with Mr. Connelley and has gone around to observe the various places which they have under surveillance, and getting familiar with their operations generally. Mr. Connelley has sixteen men at Indianapolis, two in Dayton, Ohio, and one at Columbus, contacting prison officials and keeping in touch with those who make contact there with the remaining members of the gang who are there pending an appeal. Mr. Cowley feels these men are being utilized to good advantage.

Mr. Cowley advised that Mary Kinder, who left there yesterday, stated to her informant that she saw Dillinger in Chicago between the 21st and 24th of May. She has stated that this time she is going to contact Dillinger for the purpose of obtaining money. I told Mr. Cowley of the occurrence at Mishawaka, Indiana, this morning, where Mary Kinder was being kept under surveillance, and which was interfered with by the police of Mishawaka. Mr. Cowley stated that while this is a great handicap, he would not concede that it is all "blown up." Mr. Cowley stated that Mr. Connelley is in constant touch with a young man whom Mary Kinder intends to marry. This boy gives Mr. Connelley all the information which she gives him, but she "holds out" on the boy. This informant advised Mr. Connelley that Mary Kinder was going to Pierpont's place in Mishawaka and from there would make a contact with Dillinger. I suggested to Mr. Cowley that he get in touch with Mr. Farvis and indicate to him what should be done in the Mishawaka situation. Mr. Cowley said that Mr. Connelley suggests that the force of Agents remain at Indianapolis, at least until the Kinder woman returns, which suggestion I approved. Mr. Cowley also stated that a number of places in the Indianapolis vicinity are being covered where it is known that Dillinger has made frequent contacts. I told him to have no changes made at the present time.

I gave to Mr. Cowley the developments in connection with Mr. Gordon, of the Burns Detective Agency, who has proceeded to Paris, Texas, in company with Robert Delgado.

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DIV INVEST ST PAUL 6-5-34 5-30 PM TC

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JODIL OBTAIN FROM CHIEF OF POLICE MILWAUKEE COMPLETE RECORD
W. S. GREEN ALIAS WALTER A XXX S. GORDON BURNS DETECTIVE AGENCY
EMPLOYEE HERE AND ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING GORDON. REFER TO
LETTER SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE C. W. MCPHAIL, HOUSTON, TEXAS,
TO CHIEF LAUBENRECHTER, MILWAUKEE OF JANUARY TWENTY EIGHTH NINETEEN
THIRTY. TRANSMIT INFORMATION PROMPTLY TO DIRECTOR STOP.

INQUIRIES AT HOME OF MOTHER OF BABE REILLY AND JEAN
CRUMPTON FAIL TO DISCLOSE THAT JEAN CRUMPTON OR HELEN GILLIS HAD
BEEN IN ST PAUL. LETTER OBSERVED ON TABLE THAT/// AT MRS. DELANEYS
RESIDENCE HAS RETURN ADDRESS 4644 RIDGEWAY AVENUE, CHICAGO.

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7-576-2037
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 5 1934
ST. PAUL, MINN.

TOWN	COUNTY
CITY OF MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE
TOWN OF MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE
NEW HOLSTEIN	CALUMET
PESHTIGO	MARINETTE
PEWAUKEE	WAUKESHA
RACINE	RACINE
ROCKFIELD	WASHINGTON
SHEBOYGAN	SHEBOYGAN
WEST ALLIU	MILWAUKEE
WEYAUWEGA	WAUPACA
WHITEWATER	WALWORTH

CHICAGO OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE BY TELETYPE THE CRIMINAL RECORDS OF BOTH MCLAUGHLINS VIDLER AND DELANEY ARRESTED AT CGO IN BREKID CASE IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE SUMMARY REPORT BEING PREPARED HERE

HAVE HAD NO WORD TODAY FROM NEWBY BRENNAN BREMER GROUP WHO ARE SEARCHING FOR HIDEOUT IF THEY CONTACT CGO OFFICE REQUEST THAT THEY REPORT DAILY

DILLINGER CASE

AGENT MADALA HAS ADVISED THAT HE OWNS A COTTAGE ABOUT TWO MILES FROM LOUIS PLACE AT FIVE FIVE GLEN ILLINOIS HE STATES THAT HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH LOUIS CLEGG AND WIFE SUGGEST THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO MAKE INVESTIGATIONS IN THAT VICINITY IF HIS OFFICIAL STATUS HAS NOT BECOME KNOWN ESPECIALLY AS IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT NELSON CARROLL AND WETER WERE AT LOUIS PLACE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THEY WENT TO LITTLE BOHEMIA

END CLEGG

OK WASH DC EJC

TO MR CLEGG

NEWBY BRENNAN GROUP STOPPING MORRISON HOTEL HERE AT CGO

NEWBY NOW AT OFFICE CHECKING REORXXS REPORTS ABOVE NAMED TOWNS

END

OK ST PAUL 186

OK CGO CLE ON STP CONG CALL

SAINT PAUL MINN 5-28-34

11:30 P.M.

DIRECTOR WASHINGTON

PURVIS CGO

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Chief Clerk
Mr. Tamm

ADMINISTRATIVE

HAVE APPOINTMENTS TO MAKE TALKS BEFORE SENIORS AND RECENT GRADUATES AT
UNIV OF MINNESOTA THURSDAY AND AT UNIV OF WISCONSIN FRIDAY THIS WEEK
PLEASE SEND 100 APPLICATION BLANKS TO ME AT ST PAUL AND 100 TO ME CARE
GENERAL DELIVERY MADISON WISCONSIN AT ONCE INTERVIEWS WITH APPLI-
CANTS FOR SPECIAL AGENT ON ST PAUL LIST SCHEDULED THRU MONDAY NEXT

IN SEARCH FOR BREKID WIDEOUT FIND THAT AGENT COSTELLO IS UNABLE TO DRIVE
A CAR HIS SERVICES THIS RESPECT ARE THEREFORE LIMITED HERE SUGGEST THAT
HE BE RETURNED TO HIS HEADQUARTERS CAN USE REPLACEMENT HOWEVER IF AVAIL-
ABLE

S A C FANNI TO DEPART FOR OMAHA TOMORROW

BREKID

CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITIES OF SOUNDS ALL TOWNS HAVE BEEN INDEXED
ACCORDING TO POSSIBILITIES AND ARE BEING GIVEN ATTENTION IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES FOLLOWING TOWNS IN CHICAGO DISTRICT
LOCATED IN WISCONSIN HAVE FOUR OR MORE POSSIBILITIES AND SHOULD BE GIVEN
PREFERRED ATTENTION

TOWN	COUNTY
BEAVER DAM	IRON
CHANDLER	FOREST
CUDARY	MILWAUKEE
FOX LAKE	DODGE
HARICOR	DODGE
KOHLER	SHEBOYGAN
LAKE GENEVA	WALWORTH
MAPLEWOOD	DOOR
CITY OF MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE

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From: UNIT #1 Room 420

6/5 1934.

To: ☐ Director
☐ Mr. Nathan
☒ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Edwards
☐ Mr. Egan
☐ Mr. Quinn
☐ Mr. Tamm
☐ Files Section
☐ Equipment Section
☐ Mr. Abbaticchio
☐ Mr. Bray
☐ Mr. Cowley
☐ Mr. Listerman
☐ Mr. Little
☐ Mr. Lott
☐ Mr. Lowdon
☐ Mr. Newby
☐ Mr. Schroeder
☐ Mr. Smith
☐ Miss Gandy
☐ Mrs. Kelley
☐ Washington Field Office
☐ Stenographic Pool
☐ Secretary
☐ Re-date
☐ See Me
☐ Send file.

*Will
Bevis
6/5/34*

*I suggest that Aft. Costello be returned to
his headquarters & that Aft. Madala be
permitted to remain Chicago to conduct inv. at
Fox River, Ill. if his status is not
as S.A. is not known to Cernochy (exp. 2). W.D.S.*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

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JUNE 5 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT
~~ST. PAUL OFFICE~~

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H H CLEGG
SAINT PAUL OFFICE

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INSTRUCT AGENT COSTELLO RETURN HIS HEADQUARTERS AND
ADVISING FURVIS UTILIZE SERVICES MADALA FOX RIVER GROVE
MATTER IN EVENT HE FEELS SERVICES MADALA WOULD BE
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LADD AND CLEGG WILL BE ABSENT FROM OFFICE FOR SEVERAL HOURS REVIEWING
AND RE-EVALUATING CONTACTS WITH CONFIDENTIAL 7/5
INFORMANTS RE JODIL AND BRADIS CASES WILL BOTH CONTACT ST PAUL OFFICE
BY TELEPHONE MORNING END

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L. J. NORTON
CHIEF OF POLICE

LUKE S. MAY
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

WASHINGTON

DIVISION Detective
OUR NO. _____
YOUR NO. _____

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

May 31, 1934

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
U. S. Department of Justice
Division of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The William J. Burns International Detective Agency in this city have informed us that they have learned that Fred^cBarker, Harry^cCampbell, Doc^cBarker, see identification order number 1219 and Alvin^cKarpis, see identification order number 1218 are supposed to be in Seattle territory and also that you have an order issued grouping the photographs of the four above named men.

We have been unable to locate any such circular and doubt that there is one. Would you please inform us if you do have such an identification order out and if you have please mail us copies to place in our files.

Trusting that you will honor this request at your earliest convenience, I am

Very truly yours,

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Chief of Detectives

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From IDENTIFICATION UNIT

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To: ☐ Director
☐ Mr. Nathan
☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Clegg
☐ Miss Gandy
☒ Chief, Unit 1
☐ Chief Clerk
☐ Printing Section
☐ Files
☐ Mr. _____

Your action,
S

L. C. Schilder.

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June 7, 1934

Mr. Luke S. May,
Chief of Detectives,
Police Department,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. May:

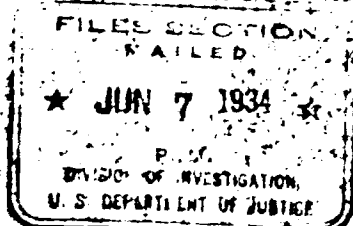
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 31, 1934, in which you inquired whether an identification order, including the pictures of Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis, has been issued by this Division.

Please be advised that an identification order, listing these four individuals, has not been issued by this Division but that individual identification orders have been issued for Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis, receipt of which you have indicated in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director



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June 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 709,
Portland, Oregon.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I. O. #1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER
with aliases, I. O. #1219, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated May 31, 1934, from Mr. Luke S. May, Chief of Detectives, Police Department, Seattle, Washington, indicating that he has received information from the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Seattle, Washington, to the effect that Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis are reported to be in the vicinity of Seattle.

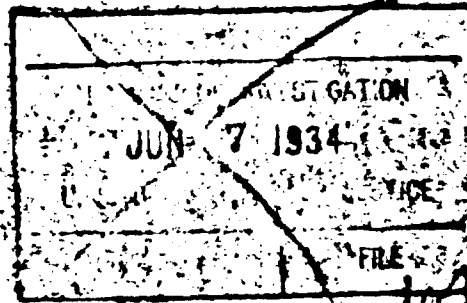
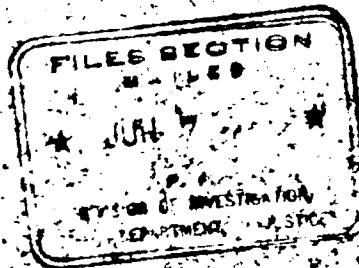
You are instructed to institute an immediate investigation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #551706

CC St. Paul



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June 7, 1934.

Mr. H. H. Clegg,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 26, 1934, transmitting three sets of finger and palm prints for elimination purposes in connection with the case designated as BREKID.

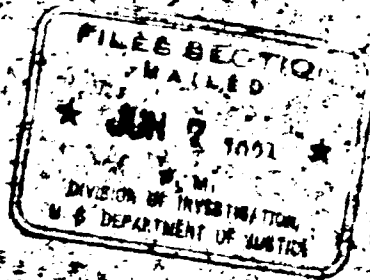
The latent fingerprints previously developed on the corn meal box and ransom letter addressed to Mr. John B. Brakesham have been completely eliminated. Two latent fingerprints were found to be those of George M. Murray; two others were determined to have been made by Mrs. George Murray; and eleven latent fingerprints and one palmar impression were identified as those of Arthur Murray. In addition, two latent prints appearing on the letter were identified with the left thumb impression of Thomas Dahill.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/4/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/21-29/34	REPORT MADE BY K. R. MCINTIRE - MFC
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE:
KIDNAPING



Investigation conducted in following towns in Wisconsin and Illinois, in unsuccessful effort to locate hideout house:

Brodhead, Wisc.	Juda, Wisc.
New Glarus, Wisc.	Janesville, Wisc.
Albany, Wisc.	Freeport, Ill.
Monticello, Wisc.	Kent, Ill.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, 5/19/34.

DETAILS: Investigation was conducted in the towns noted in the synopsis in an unsuccessful effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held. The following memoranda are submitted:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Rice on May 21st, 22nd, and 27th, 1934.

At Brodhead, Wisc. This town is of approximately 1600 population, situated on State Highway #11, 17 miles east of Monroe, Wisc., same being concrete.

Fire Chief, Frank Dedrick, volunteer fire department, advised that the town is equipped with a stationary fire siren which sounds at 12:00 o'clock noon on week days and for fires. There is no record of an alarm being sounded by this siren January 17th to Febr. 7th, 1934.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. J. Purvis</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2093	RECORDED AND INDEXED JUN 9 - 1934
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Information relative to the hideout was furnished to following parties, none of whom were able to recall any house that might be similar to the hideout. Also, photographs of Subjects and associates were exhibited.

D. L. Amerpohn, Postmaster, and all postal employees,
including city and rural carriers.
Roy Ties, Chief of Police.
Wm. Hohn, Stir Bros. Co., dealers in wallpaper.
Geo. Hauser, Hauser & Co., dealers in wallpaper.
B. H. Roderick, Roderick Lumber Co.
Walter Kempler, Kempler Coal Co.
Knute Goulson, Supt. of Water & Electric Co.
R. D. Olin, meter reader, Water & Electric Co.

Photographs were also exhibited to the following:

Barber Shops

Geo. Richardson.
J. M. Wells.
C. G. Holsinger.
Chris Chase.

Western Union

Don Collins, operator. (There is no Postal
telegraph Office at Brodhead).

Gasoline Stations

M. L. Fairman, Shell.
Leo Ties, Ties' Gas Station.
Fred Stevens, Standard.
Fred Marty, Brodhead Tire Store.
L. Blackburn, City Service.
H. L. Main, Deep Rock Oil Co.

Garages

L. C. Allen, L.C. Allen & Son, Buick.
J. C. Ten, Ford.
M. L. Green, Essex, Dodge, Plymouth.
F. A. Conden, Chrysler.
Scott Knis, Chevrolet.

Drug Stores

E. M. Lyons, Lyons Drug Store.
R. J. Bowen, Bowen Drug Store.
W. J. Smith, Rexall Drug Store.

Grocery Stores

Norman Gibbs, and employees Royal Blue Store.
L. J. Stir, and employees Stir Bros. Co.
A. R. Bright.
Fred McDowell, and employees Kroeger Co.
K. K. Hellrude.
Will Bellman.

Hotels

Mrs. Shorb, Shorb Hotel; (only hotel in town.)

The only church bell that rings is that of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, which is rung on each Sunday at 2:00 P.M. Information furnished by L. A. Anderson, janitor of the church.

Brodhead is served by the C.M.& St. Paul Railroad, and station agent, "Pat" Reagan, furnished the following schedule of trains:

East bound, 12:03 P.M., mixed train.
West bound, 4:40 P.M., mixed train.
North bound, 12:10 P.M., operates as mixed train, from Brodhead to New Glarus and returns at 3:30 P.M. to Brodhead. This train does all of the local switching.

There are no whistles, steam or air, that are blown by plants at Brodhead. (Although there are several creameries.)

The only landing field for airplanes is the one maintained as an emergency field by the Government and has not been used since last fall.

From personal inspection of Agent, no house fitting the hideout was located at Brodhead.

Sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at Brodhead.

At New Glarus, Wisc. Approximate population 1000. Located on State Highway #69, 17 miles north of Monroe, same being concrete.

Information concerning the hideout was furnished the following, none of whom were able to recall any house that was located in the vicinity that might be similar. Photographs were also exhibited without identification of same:

F. J. Marty, postmaster, and all postal employees of the

office, including rural carriers.
E. S. Hilton, Chief of Police.
Fred Ott, Fire Chief.
B. T. Kundert, dealer in wallpaper.
Geo. Spaulding, Village water & electric meter
reader.
Fred A. Stuessy, Stuessy Coal & Lumber Co.

Photographs were exhibited to the following:

Gasoline Stations

C. R. Tollefson, Shell.
P. C. Durst, Diamond Oil Co.
Fred A. Stuessy, Standard.

Barber Shops

R. O. Bentley.
H. S. Glaeden.
Clifford Lucksinger.

Hotels

John Furrer, William Tell.
Alfred Lienhardt, New Glarus.

Taverns

Fred Bigler, owner.
Fred Heisler, owner.
Mrs. S. Liltner, owner.
Arnold Kerhli, owner,
Jack Haure, owner.

Drug Store

Ed Fuhrman, Fuhrman's Drug Store.

Garages

Otto Tresch, Essex dealer.
Toby Knobel, Plymouth & Chrysler.
Fred Stuessy, Ford.
Nick Lweifel, Buick.
Fred Streiff, Chevrolet.

Grocery Stores

Wm. Engler, and employees, Engler's.
Fred Andrew Stuessy, and employees, Stuessy's.
W. J. Lentener, and employees, Quality.
O. A. Gloeden, and employees, Gloeden's.
J. C. Lucksinger, and employees, Lucksinger's.

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Fred Ott, Fire Chief, volunteer department, advised that the fire siren is stationary and sounds at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday of each week and for fires. There is no record of a fire January 17th to February 7th, 1934.

The only whistle blown is that of the Pet Milk Company, and Mr. E. F. Kaeser, Supt., advised that the whistle is blown at 6:00 A.M., 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. each week day.

The only church bell that rings is that of the Swiss Reform Church, which is tolled at dusk under the supervision of Rev. Richard Kettig. It is also rung on each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

There are no landing fields for airplanes.

From personal inspection of Agent, no house fitting the hideout was located at New Glarus, and sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at New Glarus.

At Albany, Wisc. Approximate population 735. Situated on State Highway 59, 17 miles northeast of Monroe, same being a gravelled road. The city limits on this highway is of concrete.

Information concerning the hideout was furnished the following, none of whom were able to recall of any house in that vicinity which might be similar. Photographs also exhibited without identification.

Miss Elizabeth Pope, Postmistress, and all postal employees, including rural carriers,
Charles Dixon, Fire Chief,
Dell Jones, Constable.
John Whealen, Dealer in wallpaper,
Pete Flood, Mgr., Dayan & Rayne Lumber Co. & Albany Feed & Feed Co.
Charley Phillips, Electric and Water Meter reader.

Photographs were also exhibited to the following, who were unable to identify any:

Gasoline Stations

Ellsworth Maibe, City Service.
Frank Stuntz, Shell.
Roy Webb, Johnson Oil Co.
Ben Cleveland, Standard.

Drug Store

W. D. Roberts.

Grocery Stores

Hein Francis, and employees; also dealer in wallpaper.
W. J. Hohn, and employees.
P. J. Christopher, and employees; also carries supply
of patent medicines.

Garage

Emmett Brewer, Chevrolet.

Barber Shops

M. Roy Bowman.
Barney Mathews.

Charles Dixon, Fire Chief, volunteer department, advised that the fire siren is stationary and is blown only at noon each week day and for fires. No record of fires January 17th to February 7th, 1934.

The Methodist and Baptist Churches are the only Churches that have bells and each are rung each Sunday at 10:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 11:30 A.M., under the supervision of Rev. W. C. Snow and Rev. H. A. Erickson.

R. H. Leagan, agent for the C. M. & St. Paul Railway, stated that there is a mixed train, operated from Brodhead to New Glarus, due at Albany at 12:20 P. M. each day and continues to New Glarus, returning to Albany at 3:15 P.M. and departing for Brodhead.

There are no whistles blown at Albany, nor are there any landing fields for airplanes.

From personal inspection of Agent, no house fitting the hideout was located, and sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at Albany.

At Monticello, Wisc. Approximate population 644. Located on State Highway #69, 17 miles north of Monroe, same being concrete.

Information relative to the hideout furnished to the following, and photographs exhibited without results:

R. S. Richards, Postmaster, and all postal employees.
Garrett Koorman, Jr., Constable.
John Moritz, Deputy Sheriff, and Mgr. Monticello Lumber & Fuel Company.
C. M. Stauffer, Fire Chief.
Geo. Spaulding, City Electric meter reader.
Harry Walters, City Water meter reader.

Photographs were exhibited to the following without results of identification:

Gasoline Stations

Fred Hoethlisberger, Standard
E. Voegli, Mid-Continent Pet.

Grocery Stores

W. E. Blum, and employees, People Supply Co.
David Klassey.
S. W. Grenzow.

Garages

H. L. Karlen, Ford,
B. H. Schoonoder, Chevrolet,
D. L. Lentener, Monticello Auto Co.,
Pontiac & Buick.

Hotels

Ott Wyss, Monticello.
A. L. Wyss, Grand Central.

C. M. Stauffer, fire chief, volunteer department, stated that the fire siren is stationary and is blown each Saturday at 6:00 P.M. and for fires. No record of fires January 17th to February 7th, 1934.

The only churches having bells that are tolled are the Reformed church, tolled under the supervision of Rev. A. Muehlmeier at 6:00 P. M. on each Saturday and 9:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. each Sunday; the Evangelical church under the supervision of Rev. O. U. Hehn, at 9:00 A. M. and 10:00 A. M. each Sunday.

Geo. V. Griffey, agent for the Illinois Central railroad, furnished the following train schedule:

North bound, 9:55 A.M., mixed train, week days only.
South bound, 2:10 A.M., mixed train.

A. H. Wright, agent for the C.M. & St. P. Railroad, furnished the following schedule:

East bound, 12:40 P.M., week days only.
West bound, 2:10 P.M.

There are no air or steam whistles located at Monticello, nor is there a landing field for airplanes.

From personal inspection of Agent, no house fitting the description

out was located and sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at Monticello.

At Juda, Wisc. Approximate population 300. Located on State Highway #11, 7 miles east of Monroe, same being concrete.

Hideout information furnished the following parties, and photographs exhibited with no results:

W. E. Coates, Assistant Postmaster, and postal employees.
Fred Bronkow, Deputy Sheriff.
Ellis Brown, Fire Chief.
W. E. Vanderbilt, Paper hanger.

Photographs were exhibited to the following:

Garages (both selling gasoline).
E. E. Anderieck, Anderieck Garage.
J. J. Coates, Juda Auto Co.

General Stores
G. B. Lohr, carries supply of patent medicines.
L. L. Holland, carries supply of patent medicines.

Mr. Lohr has charge of reading the electric meters at Juda. There is no public water system and no lumber or fuel company at Juda.

Gasoline Stations
Laverne Lyman.
Kenneth Walton.

Ellis Brown, Fire Chief, volunteer department, stated that there is no stationary fire siren at Juda but there is a bell which is tolled for fires only, and the fire truck is equipped with a siren. No record of fires January 17th to Febr. 7th, 1934. There are no air or steam whistles, neither is there a landing field for airplanes.

The Evangelical is the only Church that rings a bell, same being rung under the supervision of Rev. Wm. Bartell at 10:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. each Sunday.

From personal inspection by Agent, no house fitting the hideout was located, and sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at Juda.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent

J. H. Rice, at Janesville, Wisc., on May 23rd, 24th and 29th, 1934.

Janesville is the County seat of Rock County and has an approximate population of 22,000.

The trunk highways, State #11, #73, and #26, and U. S. Route #14, concrete and hard surfaced roads, lead through Janesville. There are no street car tracks.

The following were furnished information concerning the hide-out and photographs of subjects and associates were exhibited without results;

Leo J. Ford, Postmaster and all postal employees, including city and rural carriers.
Charles Newman, Chief of Police and all members of that Department.
"Con" Murphy, Fire Chief, and all members of that Department.
H. A. Griffey, Supt. of Water Works.
Howard Cutts, Water meter reader.
F. E. Dixon, Wisc. Power & Light, electric and gas meter reader.
Harold Conroy, Wisc. Power & Light, electric and gas meter reader.
Joe Denning, Sheriff, and Deputies.
Fifield Lumber & Coal Co. employees.
Schaller & McKey Lumber Co. employees.
Dean Lumber Co. employees.
Marling Lumber Co. employees.

Mr. "Con" Murphy, Fire Chief, advised that there is no stationary fire siren at Janesville, the only fire sirens being those that are on the fire trucks. There is no fire bell. Further investigation was unsuccessful in locating any other sirens at Janesville or vicinity. The following is the fire record of January 28th, 1934: Calls at 10:52 A.M., 6:53 P. M., and 9:06 P. M.

The following whistles are blown on week days:

Chevrolet Motor Co., 7:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 12:30 P. M.,
and 4:30 P.M. Information furnished by Dave Powers, Engineer.

Rock River Woolen Mills, 6:45 A. M., 7:00 A. M., 12:00 noon,
and 5:00 P. M. Information furnished by J. H. Sorgle, Engineer.

Wisconsin State School for Blind, 6:30 A. M., 7:00 A. M.

12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M., 5:05 P.M., 8:45 P.M., 9:00 P.M. Information furnished by Leo McKeown, Engineer.

All the whistles are steam whistles.

Following is a list of the churches that toll their bells, and the schedule of time for January and February, 1934:

St. Patrick's: 6:30 A.M., 7:00 A.M., 7:30 A.M., 8:00 A.M., on week days. 5:30 A.M., 6:00 A.M., 7:30 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. on Sundays. Information furnished by Patrick O'Day, janitor.

English Lutheran, St. John's: 6:00 P.M. on each Saturday. 8:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. on Sunday. Information furnished by Rev. John R. Keiser, in absence of janitor.

Trinity Methodist: 7:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M. each Sunday. Information furnished by Rev. Alexander Simpson.

German Lutheran: 6:00 P.M. on each Saturday. 8:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. each Sunday. Information furnished by Rev. E. A. L. Trell.

The following train schedules for Janesville were secured from J. Pollard, agent, Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, for the period covering January and February, 1934:

West Bound

<u>Train No.</u>	<u>Arr.</u>	<u>Dep.</u>	<u>Destination</u>
515, Sec. #1	12:07 A.M.	12:13 A.M.	Chi - Mpls., Passenger
515, Sec. #2	12:36 "	12:38 "	" " "
507	5:13 "	5:30 "	" - Madison, "
25		6:09 "	Janesville - Fond du Lac, Mixed
51		8:50 "	" " Freight
1066	9:00 "	9:50 "	Beloit-Ft. Atkinson, "
501	12:25 P.M.	12:31 P.M.	Chi - Mpls., Passenger
513	4:15 "	4:30 "	" " "
529	7:00 "		" - Janesville, Passenger
511	8:08 "	8:12 "	" - Mpls, "

<u>East Bound</u>			
<u>Train No.</u>	<u>Arr.</u>	<u>Dep.</u>	<u>Destination</u>
514, Sec.#1	4:20 A.M.	4:26 A.M.	Mpls - Chi, Passenger
514, Sec.#2	4:29 "	4:35 "	" " "
1066	5:00 "	5:30 "	Ft. Atkinson - Beloit, Freight
528	"	6:50 "	Janesville - Chi, Passenger.
510	8:57 "	9:02 "	Mpls - Chi.
502	4:35 P.M.	4:38 P.M.	" "
508	6:14 "	6:25 "	" "
52	6:00 "	"	Fond du Lac - Janesville, Freight.
528	6:45 "	6:50 "	Madison - Chi, Passenger.

Following schedule furnished by A. A. Hennessy, agent,
C.M. St. Paul & Pacific Railroad:

<u>West Bound</u>			
163	5:45 A.M.	4:40 A.M.	Chi - Madison, Freight
33	7:47 "	7:53 "	Rockford - Madison, Freight.
168	"	8:30 "	Janesville - Madison, Passenger
91	"	9:00 "	" - Monroe, Mixed.
21	10:30 "	11:25 "	Milwaukee - Mineral Pt., Mixed.
131	11:15 "	11:24 "	Chi - Madison, Passenger
11	8:15 P.M.	8:20 P.M.	" - Mpls., "

<u>East Bound</u>			
22	5:45 A.M.	8:48 A.M.	Mpls - Chi, Freight
142	9:35 "	9:40 "	Madison - Chi, Passenger.
52	10:41 "	10:45 "	Madison - Rockford, Passenger.
166	4:47 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	" - Chi, Freight.
3	5:20 "	5:40 "	Mpls - Milwaukee, Passenger.
148	6:08 "	6:15 "	Madison - Chi, Passenger.
92	"	6:25 "	Madison - Janesville, Passenger.

Mr. Hennessy and Mr. Pollard stated that most of the switching at Janesville is between 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. and 4:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. Both Railroads maintain a round house at Janesville.

Photographs of Subjects and alleged associates were exhibited at the following places. No identification of any made:

Automobile Dealers & Garages
Buick Authorized Sales & Service.
Evans Chevrolet Co.

Automobile Dealers & Garages, Cont'd.

Studebaker Motor Co.
Bower City Implement Co.
Janesville Automotive Co.
Green Motor Co.
Claude S. Ward, Inc.
H. C. Frielipp Motor Co.
Robert F. Bugge Motor Co.
Vosse Motor Co.
Rock County Buick Co.
Rink Garage.
Service Garage.
Bohlman's Garage.
White Star Cab Co.
Checker Cab Co.
Brown & White Cab Co.
Schultz Garage.
Churchill's Garage.

Grocers

Carr's Food Store, 38 So. Main, and 4 Branch Stores.
Kroger - Universal Grocery Co.
Simonsen Grocery Co., Inc.
Bouziane Brothers.
Rashid & Rashid.
W. J. Baumann.
Terrace Grocery Co.
Woodman's.
Jackson Street Grocery.
Swanson's.
Geo. B. Lemke.
Whalen's Cash Grocery.
Muenchow Brothers.
Jim's Grocery.
Wills Brothers.
J. H. Jones.

Gasoline Stations

Green Oil Co - Stations #1 and #2.
Log Cabin Service Station.
Tank Car Service.
Wadham's Oil Corp. - Stations #1, 2, 3 & 4.
Standard Oil Co. - Stations #1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.
Hall Super Service Station, #1 & 2.
Tumelson's Service Station.

Gasoline Stations, Cont'd.

Cities Service Station #1 & 2.

J. A. Strimple & Co.

H. Krause.

C. Lein.

Jones & Williams.

Shell, #1, 2 & 3.

Goodall's Oil Co.

S. & W. Oil Co.

Smith Oil Co., #1 & 2.

Texaco Oil Co., #1 & 2.

Tydol, #1 & 2.

Hotels

Monterey.

Myers.

Planters.

Commercial.

Park.

Colonial Club.

Barber Shops

Thompsons.

The White House.

H. Pederson.

Howard Otis.

The Hub.

Kennings.

Monterey.

"Hal".

Drug Stores

Peoples Drug Co.

Monterey Drug Co., Inc.

Badger Drug Co.

Reliable Drug Co.

Terrace Pharmacy.

Morris Pharmacy.

Red Cross Pharmacy.

Smith Drug Co.

McCue & Buss.

R. S. Parish.

J. H. Bliss.

Ralph Hayes, 304 North Chatham; John Schaefer, 109 North
First; and Elmer Lembrich, R.F.D. #2, wallpaper hangers, who are
employed by the Badger Paint & Hardware Stores; after being given

opportunity to observe the wallpaper design identified by victim, advised that they do not recall of ever hanging any paper of that design in the last three years.

Mr. Croup, in charge of the Wallpaper and Paint Department, Sears, Roebuck & Company, advised that the pattern of wallpaper in question was carried in stock by the store several years ago but has not been sold by the store since at Janesville. He was unable to advise to whom, if anyone, this pattern might have been sold at Janesville.

Photographs of Subjects and associates were exhibited to T. C. Burrows, Manager, Postal Telegraph, and R. D. Cannon, Manager, Western Union, without identification.

The only landing field for airplanes is that maintained by the Government and same has not been used by planes this year.

Personal inspection was made by Agent of all houses in the vicinity of the railroad tracks at Janesville, without results. Sounds from other nearby towns are not audible at Janesville.

Investigation was made by Special Agent M. V. Glynn on May 24th, 1934, in the following towns in Illinois in an effort to locate the Bremer hideout, without results:

Freeport.
Kent.

Freeport, Illinois. This case was discussed in detail with Sheriff Elmer Kailey and Chief of Police, A. H. Wilkey, both of Freeport, Illinois, neither of whom could offer any suggestions or give any information relative to the hideout. Both of these gentlemen stated they knew of no one in Freeport who might be implicated in such a case as this, the Bremer case.

Regarding the City of Freeport, the following information was secured from Chief of Police Wilkey and Sheriff Kailey, above mentioned. This City has a population of 25,000 inhabitants and is located on U. S. Highway #20, Illinois State Highways #5, 26, 74 and 78. It is served by the Illinois Central, Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroads. There is no siren located here and it is not possible to hear a siren from any of the nearby towns. The following factories have whistles which blow at the time indicated below:

Illinois Central Railroad Roundhouse, 5:00 A.M.

Henry Motor Company, 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 12:35 P.M.

1:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M.

Stovers Mfg. Company, 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M.,
5:00 P.M.

Woodmanse Windmill Company, 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon,
1:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M.

Arcade Mfg. Company, 7:30 A.M., 12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M.,
4:30 P.M.

W. T. Rawleigh Medical Company, 8:00 A.M., 12:00 noon,
1:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M.

Father J. M. Dording, Pastor, St. Joseph's Catholic Church,
gave the following information:

The bell on St. Joseph's Church is rung at 6:00 A.M., 6:25
A.M., 7:55 A.M., 12:00 noon and 6:00 P.M. daily except Sunday. On Sunday
the bell is rung at 5:30 A.M., 5:55 A.M., 7:00 A.M., 7:25 A.M., 8:30 A.M.,
8:55 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 10:55 A.M., 12:00 noon and 6:00 P.M. This Church
also has a clock which chimes on the hour and every fifteen minutes there-
after.

Father Dording stated that there is only one other Church
in Freeport which rings a bell on Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M., and that is
the German Lutheran Church. Father Dording also stated that the 6:00 P.M.
bell rung on Saturday evening by his Church is rung more solemnly than on any
other evening, that is to say, it is actually rung three times as long on
Saturday evening as it is on any other evening during the week. Father
Dording stated that none of the other Catholic Churches in Freeport have
bells. He also stated that the Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran and
Episcopal Churches ring their bells at various intervals between the hours
of 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. every Sunday.

H. J. Weishar, Agent, Illinois Central Railroad, gave the
following information relative to trains through Freeport operated by his
Company:

Eastbound (Passenger) 6:10 A.M., 8:50 A.M., 2:05 P.M., 6:50 P.M.
Westbound (Passenger) 3:55 A.M., 12:10 P.M., 6:20 P.M., 9:00 P.M.
Eastbound (Freight) 4:30 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:15 P.M., 6:50 P.M.
Westbound (Freight) 2:10 A.M., 7:05 A.M., 3:15 P.M., 8:10 P.M.

Mr. Weishar stated that there is considerable switching done in
the Railroad yards daily.

In the absence of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Station
Agent, Mr. Weishar gave the following information relative to C. & N.W.
Railroad trains through Freeport. It should be noted that the C. & N.W.
Railroad operates over the I.C. Railroad tracks through Freeport.

East bound (Passenger) 4:00 P.M.
West bound (Passenger) 11:40 A.M.
East bound (Freight) 6:00 P.M.
West bound (Freight) 10:10 A.M.

R. L. Fuller, Station Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, gave the following information relative to trains operated by his Company through Freeport.

East bound (Passenger) 8:07 A.M. and 1:10 P.M.
West bound (Passenger) 12:25 P.M. and 8:24 P.M.
East bound (Freight) 12:15 A.M., 10:50 A.M., 5:10 P.M.
West bound (Freight) 2:55 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 4:50 P.M.

Mr. Fuller stated that there is not a great deal of switching done in the C.M. & St. P. & P. Railroad yards.

Note: The C.M. St. P. & P. Railroad tracks run parallel with the I. C. Railroad and C. & N.W. Railroad tracks, and about two blocks apart, through Freeport.

Personal observation was made of all homes in the vicinity of the Railroad tracks and only one house, located at 17 Wilbur Street, was found that might fit the description of the hideout house. However, when admittance was gained it was found that it in no way fitted the description of the hideout house. The house in question is owned by a Mr. and Mrs. C. Moring and is occupied by them and a grown daughter.

Photographs of suspects were shown to the following Gasoline Station Operators, without results:

Name of Station	Address	Attendant
Super Shell Oil Co.	Spring & Calena Sts.	G. J. Kaufman, H. M. Rathbora.
Phillips 66	Calena & Jackson Sts.	H. B. Robbins.
D. E. Motor Oil Co.	Broadway & Calena	C. E. Wilson.
Cities Service	Calena & Chicago	H. C. Stevens.
Peerless Oil Co.	Calena & Rotzler	E. J. Matzer.
Standard Oil Co.	Calena & Jefferson	J. H. Mordant.
Cities Service	Route #20, E. Freeport	J. W. Aversa.
Schleick Garage	" "	E. Schleick.
Joannite Oil Co.	Calena & Rotzler	J. Doyle.
Phillips 66	Calena & Jefferson	E. A. Byron.
Texaco Motor Oil Co.	Calena & Washington	J. Hunt.
Standard Oil Co.	Calena & Spring	W. A. Young.
Cities Service	Calena & Douglas	E. Hunt.
Standard Oil Co.	Calena & Island	E. Hodgson.

Jonsunite Oil Co.	Route #20, W. Freeport	Mrs. Miller.
Shell Oil Co.	Galena & Island	H. J. Stampert.
Jonsunite Gas Co.	Galena & Trunk	E. Schumayer.
Mid-Continental Co.	Crossing of Routes 20 & 26	J. Dierderma.
Standard Oil Co.	" " " " "	C. Kretzer.
Texaco Oil Co.	Galena & Douglas	N. Oosting.
Diamond Gas Co.	Elk & West	H. R. Borches.
Jonsunite Gas Co.	West & Morley	J. I. Washburn.
Standard Oil Co.	West & America	F. Huppemaker.
Mobilgas Co.	407 E. Jefferson St.	J. W. Smith.
Phillips 66	Stephenson & Mary	I.R.A. Shockey.
D.X. Gasoline Co.	Stephenson & Elbert	R. Miley.
*Barnsdall Oil Co.	Spring & Chicago	J. Brandt.
Red Crown Gas Co.	Stephenson & The River	L. G. Dollmeyer.
Texaco Gas Co.	Stephenson & Sheridan	E. Lamb.

Photographs, as well as a specimen of the wallpaper, were shown to the following wallpaper dealers and hangers:

H.L. Brandt, Bader Paint Co., 125 E. Stephenson St.
 C. Gustafson, Lundersom & Peterson Co., 20 E. Main St.
 C. R. Clifford, Heckman Paint Co., 211 West Stephenson St.
 J. C. Young, J. C. Young & Co., 109 W. Main St.
 Chas. Demeter, Chas. Demeter & Co., 217 W. Stephenson St.
 N. Staas, J. Schwarz & Son, 24 East Main St.

All of the above named individuals failed to identify any of the photographs shown them. All of them advised that they had never carried the wallpaper pattern in question.

Photographs were shown to the following Garage men, without results:

Al. Sieferma, Brosbat & Rideout Garage.
 G. E. Tilden, The White Garage.
 N. R. Yeagle, Yeagle Garage.
 Frank Mooney, Forrey & Mooney Garage.
 J. R. Smyth, Smyth Tire Co.
 R. Noeske, The Noeske Bros. Garage.
 J. Black, Illinois Motor Works Company.

It should be noted that all Gasoline Stations previously listed with an asterisk before the name indicates that a Garage is operated in connection with Gasoline Stations as marked.

R. H. Moss, owner of the Moss Garage, 210 East Stephenson St., when shown suspects photographs, picked out the photographs of Alvin Karpis.

and William Weisman as the likeness of two men for whom he fixed the right-hand door of a Hudson Convertible Coupe sometime in the early part of January of this year. Moss stated that the car in question had a sort of "yellowish paint job", was about a 1931 or 1932 model, and bore out of State license plates, believed to be Indiana plates. Moss stated that the two men in question were in a great hurry; that they claimed to be Neon Sign salesman. Moss stated that the individual who resembled Karpis appeared to him to be about 35 years old; however, he fitted the description of Karpis in every other respect. Mr. Moss could give very little detailed information on this matter.

J. M. Lyons of the J. H. Patterson Lumber Company and R. Trover of the Sanford & Zartman Lumber Company were unable to identify any of the photographs shown them.

Photographs were shown to all grocers, butchers and druggists on Exchange Street between Galena & Chicago Avenues. On Stephenson Street between Galena & Chicago Avenues. On Main Street between Galena & Chicago Avenues; all without results.

Photographs, together with the house plans and a specimen of the wallpaper, were shown to the following individuals, without results:

W. A. Hutchins, Supt., Freeport Division, Ill. Water Service.
Carl Wilson, Meter Reader, "
Roy Brandthaven, Meter Reader, "
Claude Wilson, "
Harold Wright, Supt., Illinois Northern Utilities Company.
Ellsworth DeLong, Meter Reader, Ill. "
R. E. Wahler, Meter Reader, "

This case was discussed in detail with Roy Williams, Supt. of Mail, Post Office, Freeport, Illinois. He was unable to give any information that might be helpful in locating the hideout. Neither Mr. Williams, clerks or carriers attached to said Post Office were able to identify any of the photographs shown to them, neither could they recall if any of the suspects under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Freeport.

In addition to showing the photographs to persons mentioned in this report, they were also shown to several of the Police Officers and Deputy Sheriffs.

Kent, Illinois. Mr. Buck, Asst. Postmaster, gave the following information:

This town has a population of 100 people and is located on

a gravelled country road. There are no sirens or factory whistles here and it is not possible to hear any from nearby towns. The Lutheran and United Brethren Churches have bells which ring at 9:30 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. on Sunday. This town is served by the Chicago Great Western Railroad, which operates four trains daily through Kent. East bound trains at 5:24 A.M. and 3:11 P.M.; West bound at 3:45 A.M. and 9:50 P.M.

Mr. Buck was unable to identify any of the photographs shown him, neither could he recall if any of the suspects ever called for mail at Kent. Mr. Buck could give no information regarding the hideout after this phase of the case had been discussed with him.

Photographs were shown to the following individuals, without results:

"Abe" Awrand and H. Offenheiser, Grocers and Gasoline Station operators.
J. Fox and V. Kleckner, Gasoline Station operators and Garage men.
J. Rathburn, Span & Roe Lumber Co.
W. H. Wheelless, Station Agent and Telegraph Operator, C.G.W. Railroad.
J. Rasmussen, Paper hanger.

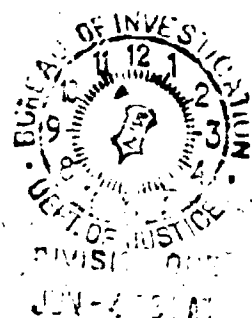
There are no drug stores, water works, meter readers, or town marshal located here.

Personal observation was made of all homes in the vicinity of the Railroad tracks and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Cowley	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Chief Clerk	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____

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June 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In telephonic conversation this afternoon, Mr. Brantley advised from Oklahoma City that he had reason to believe we would get Richetti soon. This man is wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Mr. Brantley was requested to vigorously pursue this matter, and spend any money necessary.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Mr. H. B. ...
Adm. Richetti*

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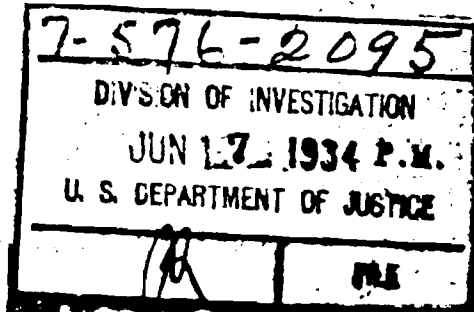
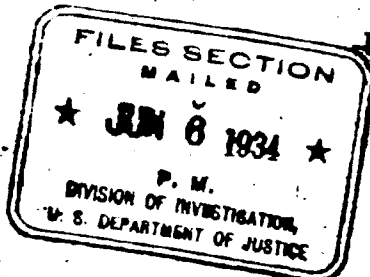
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CT:LC

May 23, 1934.

MR. NATHAN...
MR. TOLSON...
MR. CLEGG...
MR. WILEY...
MR. EDWARDS...
MR. EGAN...
MR. QUINN...
MR. LESTER...
CHIEF CLERK...
MR. ROY...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I spoke to Mr. Clegg by telephone concerning Agent Fortenberry, who is at Reno. He states that the people apparently are not now in that section but he believes Agent Fortenberry should remain there as it is quite likely that they will return in the near future. He states that one of the subjects has a girl friend in Reno and Agent Fortenberry knows where they gamble and has complete descriptions of the entire party. He feels that although Fortenberry may be kept there for some time without definite results, the situation represents a very good possibility of ultimate success.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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BREKID REMOVAL ORDER ENTERED AND SIGNED BY FEDERAL JUDGE SULLIVAN FOR
REMOVAL MCLAUGHLIN SENIOR, MCLAUGHLIN JUNIOR, ^{William E} KIDLER AND ~~DELANEY~~ TO
STPAUL MINNESOTA. JUDGE SULLIVAN REQUESTED U. S. MARSHALL HERE NOT
REMOVE ^{from} MCLAUGHLIN JUNIOR UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING FOR PURPOSE GIVING HIM
OPPORTUNITY FURNISH BOND. WILL FURNISH INFORMATION RELATIVE DATE AND
HOUR DEPARTURE SOON AS ASCERTAINED

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MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
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John J. Hanlon*

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DIRECTOR:

RE BREID. HABEAS CORPUS PETITION FOR DEFENDANTS MCLAUGHLIN, JUNIOR, MCLAUGHLIN, SENIOR, DELANEY, VIDLER, DISMISSED BY ~~FEDERAL~~ JUDGE SULLIVAN 12 30 P. M. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS PERMITTED UNTIL 2 OCLOCK TIME FOR THEIR DECISION TO FILE WRIT OF ERROR COURT OF APPEALS, IF NOT FILED REMOVAL PAPERS WILL BE SIGNED AT THAT TIME AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED

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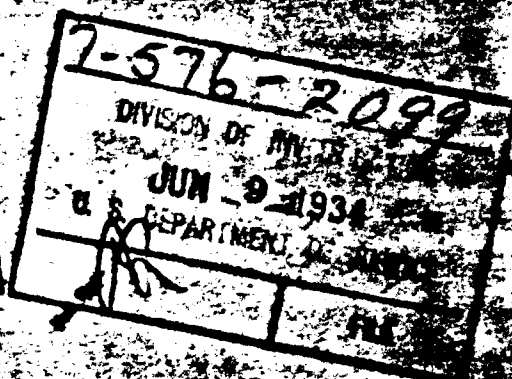
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MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
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Laboratory Report

June 5, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al; Number: 7-576
Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Specimens: 1 one dollar bill #D05134520B

Examination requested by: Chicago Office.

Date received: May 24, 1934.

Examination requested: Chemical Analysis.

Result of examination:

Examination by: S.F. Pickering. *870*

An examination of the one dollar bill does not yield any evidence of the bill having been treated with a solution. The bill was tested for the presence of secret writing by means of the ultra-violet lamp and by the application of heat but no indications of any such writing were obtained. No chemical tests on the bill were conducted as it was thought undesirable to stain the specimen.

In accordance with the request of the Chicago Office the specimen is being returned herewith to the Chicago Office.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218 - et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

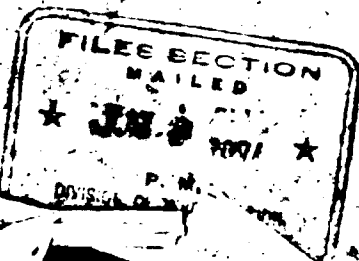
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division May 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: 551505



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MR. NATHAN
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MR. DOWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
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MR. LESTER
CH. CLERK
MR. ROSEN

DIV INVEST CHICAGO 3-45 PM TMH MAY 17, 1934

DIRECTOR

BREKID FEDERAL JUDGE PHILIP A SULLIVAN THIS MORNING POSTPONED
UNTIL ~~MAY~~ 21, 1934 10 AM HEARING ON WRIT HABEAS CORPUS FOR
DEFENDANTS MCLAUGHLIN SENIOR AND JUNIOR DELANEY AND VIDLER TO
PERMIT FILING PETITION OF CERTIORARI BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR
PURPOSE EXAMINING RECORDS UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER WALKER THIS
CASE. EMPLOYEES ORLANDO HOTEL, 2372 E. 70 STREET CHICAGO IDENTIFY
PHOTOGRAPH KATE BARKER AS MOTHER OF YOUNG MAN UNIDENTIFIED WHO
REGISTERED AS F E GORDON AND MOTHER ON JUNE 21-~~1933~~ 1933 PAYING RENT
TO AUGUST 4 1933 OCCUPYING EXPENSIVE SUITE. ORLANDO TELEPHONE
RECORDS SHOW CICERO 678, TELEPHONE OF GOTTLIEB FURNITURE AND CARPET
COMPANY, 2241 SOUTH 52 AVENUE, CICERO CALLED BY GORDONS.
WILLIAM E LOHMAN AND WIFE REGISTERED ORLANDO HOTEL EARLY PART
DECEMBER 1933 GIVING F E GORDON AS ~~REFERENCE~~ REFERENCE REMAINING ONLY FEW
DAYS AND RENTING UNFURNISHED APARTMENT AT YATES APARTMENTS 7133
YATES STREET, CHICAGO ON DECEMBER 15, 1933. LOHMANS ONLY TELEPHONE
CALLS WHILE RESIDING ORLANDO HOTEL WERE CICERO 678. LOHMANS GAVE
CALIFORNIA REFERENCES - NORTHERN WINE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA
34 HYDE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO AND BANK OF AMERICA SAN FRANCISCO. **RECORDED**
IN ADDITION LOCAL CHICAGO ADDRESSES NOW BEING CHECKED. LOHMAN **INDEXED**
STATED HE WAS EMPLOYED BY FATHER, I H LOHMAN, 34 HYDE STREET
SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED. **JUN 11 1934**

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YATES APARTMENT MANAGER AND WIFE IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH **7-576-2101**
AS LOHMAN STATING WIFE'S NAME DOLORES BELIEVED HERE TO BE DOLORES
DELANEY SISTER OF WIFE OF PAT REILLY, 10 1225, AND ALSO SISTER OF
JEAN DELANEY ALIAS AND OTHER SWEETHEART OF JAMES CARROLL **JUN 9 1934**

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LOHMAN SELDOM VISITED DOLORES AND LAST SEEN AT APARTMENT WHEN HE TOOK DOLORES HURRIEDLY AWAY THE LATTER PART OF MARCH THIS YEAR.

DOLORES SENT POSTAL MONEY ORDER FOR RENT ON APRIL 2, 1934 FROM EITHER WINNETKA OR WILMETTE ILLINOIS. DOLORES RETURNED WITH STRANGE MAN FOR CLOTHES LATTER PART OF MARCH LEAVING FURNISHINGS AND ADVISED SHE WOULD RETURN SOON. ON MAY 1, 1934 LOUIS GOTTlieb, 2239-41-43 SOUTH 52 AVENUE, CICERO, ILLINOIS CALLED AT THE YATES APARTMENTS

WITH NOTE SUPPOSEDLY FROM DOLORES ADVISING GOTTlieb HAD MORTGAGE ON FURNISHINGS AND THAT HUSBAND HAD PNEUMONIA AND THEY WERE RETURNING TO CALIFORNIA. APARTMENT MANAGER REFUSED TO GIVE UP EXPENSIVE FURNISHINGS AND APARTMENT NOW SECURELY LOCKED. LOHMAN DROVE AUBURN 12 CYLINDER SEDAN WITH CALIFORNIA LICENSE PLATE. DESCRIPTION REPORTED TO FIT DESCRIPTION AUBURN 12 CYLINDER CAR USED BY CARL A RENO NEVADA LAST NOVEMBER WHICH CAR WAS REGISTERED NAME OF WILLIAM B. LOHMAN, WILLIAM TAYLOR HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO. CAR PARKED BY LOHMANS AT CLUB GARAGE LOCATED NEAR YATES APARTMENT AND REPORTED REMOVED ON MAY 14, 1934 AFTER CALIFORNIA LICENSE PLATES REMOVED AND NOW REPORTED ON BUICK OWNED BY J CROSSKURTH, 6930 SOUTH SHORE CHICAGO. PERMISSION TO TAP TELEPHONE CICERO 678 DESIRE

ALL LEADS RECEIVING ATTENTION

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

May 22, 1934.

MR NATHAN -
MR TOLSON -
MR C. E. G. -
MR W. L. E. -
MR W. L. E. -
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.
1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

In accordance with plans previously made in the St. Paul office for the placing of a Special Agent as an employee at a Standard Oil Service Station, which station is situated adjacent to a garage owned by Fred Barker, the following arrangements have been completed:

On May 22, 1934, Special Agent Clifford Lawrence was accompanied by Special Agent T. J. Dodd to the general offices of the Standard Oil Company, Minneapolis, and there interviewed Mr. George W. Coldsnow, Manager, and his Assistant Manager, Mr. Paterson. Mr. Coldsnow advised that it would be possible for Agent Lawrence to enter the employ of the Standard Oil Company as a helper at the above mentioned service station. Arrangements were made whereby Agent Lawrence was introduced to the officer in charge of personnel matters for the Standard Oil Company in the Minneapolis division; and at Mr. Coldsnow's suggestion, he is to be placed on the employment list of the company as a regular employee under a regular salary. To avoid any suspicion on the part of fellow employees, Agent Lawrence is to go through the regular routine of medical examination and customary interview. He is to be placed in the training station for a day or two so that he may familiarize himself with the duties of the Standard Oil Station helpers. Arrangements were also made whereby Agent Lawrence can so fix his working hours as to create no suspicion.

The District Supervisor of the Standard Oil Company was taken into confidence on the representation of Mr. Coldsnow, who suggested that if this were not done, some difficulty might arise which would be embarrassing both to the Standard Oil Company and to this Division. This supervisor advised Agent Lawrence that he would treat him as any other employee; that at any time he would correct him as to his duties and general conduct.

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Further arrangements were also made with Mr. Coldanow whereby the paycheck, which will in the regular course of business be handed to Agent Lawrence, will be returned to the Standard Oil Company.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg
H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

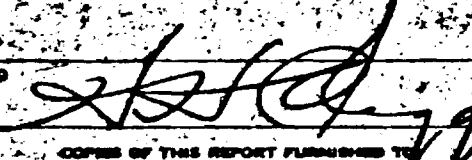
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota.

St. Paul FILE NO. 7-30

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-4-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/21-24/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. L. Nicholson
TITLE <u>CHANGED:</u> ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases: Alvin Karpis, Alvin Karpis, Al Karpis, Ray Karpis, Alvin Karpavicz, Al Carter, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Earl Peel, William B. Lohman, William Lohman, Earl Lyman XXXXXXXXXXXX Burns, E.L. Burns, R.L. Burns, R.J. Burns, E.L. Burnes, George Dunn, R.E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, R.E. Nelson, I.O. # 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases: Doc Barker, Dock Barker, Claude Dale, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E.L. Murray, H.J. Harvey, A. S. Hunter, I.O. # 1219; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, with aliases: J. J. McLaughlin, "Boss" McLaughlin; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., with aliases: Jack McLaughlin, Jimmy McLaughlin; PHILIP J. DELANEY, with aliases: Philip Delaney, Phillip Delaney, Phil Delaney, Phillip Delaney; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, with aliases: William E. Vidler, Williams; BOY GRAY, with aliases: Slim, Mr. Smith; IZZY, alias Mr. Jones; JOHN DOE; RICHARD ROE; FRANKIE WRIGHT. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>This is a joint summary report of Inspector W. A. Rorer and Special Agent D. L. Nicholson:</p> <p>The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to include additional aliases of PHILIP J. DELANEY.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 7-576-2103 JUN 11 1934 AM BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, aged 36 years, is Vice-president of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota. On the morning of January 17, 1934, after driving his young daughter to school, he proceeded alone in his car to the corner of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues where he arrived at approximately 9:00 a.m. As he stopped at this intersection, a man approached the left front door of his car (which was a Lincoln Sedan) and another man at the same time approached the right front door. The man at the left door opened it and with a pistol in his hand requested BREMER to alip over, and at the same time the man who was at the right door opened it and struck BREMER over the head several times, causing blood to flow from BREMER'S head. BREMER was pushed to the floor of the car and the two men entered the front seat and drove away.

During the time that these men kidnaped BREMER, he recalls having seen an automobile, which he can not describe, close by and almost in front of his own Lincoln Sedan, the broad side facing the front of the Lincoln.

After driving a short distance in BREMER'S car, they stopped, transferred BREMER to another car, and two men entered the rear seat with BREMER on the rear floor, and drove away. At some time during this transfer, a piece of paper was placed before BREMER and he was requested to sign his name thereto, which he did. BREMER was then driven continuously until approximately between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m., of that day, when he was taken down several steps where he entered a house and was confined and guarded by several men.

The kidnapers, through means of the telephone and letters which were delivered by messenger to various persons, effected arrangements for the payment of \$200,000.00 in ransom; and on February 6, 1934, this amount in used \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills was deposited in accordance with the kidnapers' instructions on the side of the road in the vicinity of Zumbrota, Minnesota.

On the morning of February 7, 1934, BREMER was driven in an automobile from the hideout all day and was released from the car shortly before 8:00 p.m., on that date on a street in Rochester, Minnesota.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Vice-president, Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, will testify that during the fall and winter of 1933-34, he resided in St. Paul, Minnesota, and that it was customary for him to drive his nine-year-old daughter from his home to her school on Goodrich Avenue each morning; that on the morning of January 17, 1934, he drove his daughter to school in his Lincoln Sedan; and after leaving her at school, proceeded out Goodrich Avenue to Lexington Avenue, both of which avenues are in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he stopped for a traffic "stop" sign; that as he stopped, a man approached the left front door of his car, held a pistol to his, BREMER'S side and told him to move over; that at the same time, another man approached the car from the opposite side, opened the right front door, struck him over the head several times and shoved him to the floor, with his head under the instrument board; that goggles, which were in effect a blindfold, because of the fact that they were covered with adhesive tape, were placed over his eyes at that time; that these two men entered the front seat of the car and drove a distance of several blocks or more; and after stopping, forced him to sign his name to a paper, at which time he was transferred to another automobile and driven continually until several hours after dark; that this car contained three men and himself; that after several hours of travel, this car stopped and another car immediately drove up as if it had been accompanying the car containing BREMER; that gasoline cans were heard being taken from the second car and gasoline was put into the tank of the car containing BREMER; that he was then driven further, until a short time after dark, when two of the men in the car with him took him out into a field while the third man drove off and returned a short time later; that about forty-five minutes later, while riding in the car, he was forced to lie on the floor, at which time he heard sounds of what appeared to be electric city street cars; that at the time he heard what sounded like street cars, it was approximately one hour after darkness had fallen; that approximately a little more than two hours after hearing the immediately aforementioned sounds, he reached the hideout where he was ordered out of the car; and after walking a short distance over what appeared to him to be hard frozen ground, he walked down some steps and entered a house where he was placed in a chair in a small room in which room he remained constantly, sleeping therein, until February 7, 1934, the day of his release; that each morning during his captivity, he was placed in a straight-backed chair in a corner of this room, face to the wall, and the blindfold taken off; that the blindfold was not over his eyes during these days and he could consequently see clearly that the room walls which appeared before him in his room contained wall paper, the pattern of which he has a recollection; that he has been shown a sample specimen of the wall paper by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation and has identified said specimen as being of a pattern similar to that on the wall of the room wherein he was held captive; that each night he was blindfolded when put to bed; that at various times during his captivity, as many as five men were known to have been present at the hideout at the same time; that about

midnight of the second night of his captivity, which was January 16, 1934, he was awakened and in the presence of several men, whom he did not see, was ordered to write some letters; that he then wrote three letters with pen and ink as follows:

"Friday evening.

"Dr. H. T. Hippert,
Lowry Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Doctor:

"I am enclosing herewith two letters which please deliver for me at once. Deliver them both to my father at the house--855 West 7th St. or at the office, wherever he may be--it is very important that they be delivered right away as it means a lot to me. Be sure however not to say a word to anyone else that you have been given these letters to deliver. The reason I am writing to you is because I know you can be trusted not to say anything.

Edward G. Bremer"

* * * *

"Friday Evening.

"Dear Walter:

I'm sorry to have called on you but I felt you were the only standby. Assure Emily & Pat that I'm allright. I knew you would use your head & work on this all alone--no police. The people that have me have given the impression that that you are not working alone. Walter, please do. I know you will for me. I've been told that the reason the first plan was not gone through with was because you were working with the police. Again I say please work all alone & I'm sure everything will come out allright. Be sure now--no strings allow here. You & You alone. These people are going to give you a new plan. Work according to their directions--& again say--alone--no police--just you.

Edward
E. G. Bremer"

"Friday evening

"Dearest Patz.

"Please don't worry. I hope everything will come out alright. Tell Mertzky to be a good little girl, her daddy is thinking of her all the time and to see you or her again is all that I want. I suppose you are worrying about the blood in the car. I have a cut on my head which bleed a lot but it has been dressed & is alright now. Tell Pa too not to worry. I'm treated nice & the only thing I have to ask is to keep the police out of this so that I am returned to you all safely.

Yours,

Ed."

He will testify that although these letters were written on Thursday, at midnight, he wrote "Friday evening" at the top of each upon instructions of the kidnapers; that about the Wednesday prior to the second Saturday of his captivity, he signed his name to several papers at the request of the kidnapers; that he wrote one letter in ink to "Father Deere", which is as follows:

"My Dear Father Deere:

"I am calling on you as a representative of God, to do something for me. It must be a secret--every bit as much as a confession & under those circumstances I am calling on you. Enclosed herewith is a letter addressed to my father. This letter is to be delivered to him--unopened & may I take the privilege of asking you to be the good Samaritan.

"If you listen in on the radio & read the St. Paul papers you will have heard or seen that my father has made a special appeal to everyone to not interfere & let him work on my being returned alone.

"It is therefore necessary that someone take this letter to him, someone whose coming to see him will not create any suspicion & I could think of no one better than you.

"Please take this letter to my father at once. It may be asking a lot but it means so much to me. Go to the house as you usually do--to pay him a visit but don't let on to anyone that you have this

letter. Don't give him the letter when anyone else is present. You can make the opportunity so that you are alone with him.

"Thank you for your kindness in doing this for me & may God speed you on your way.

Ever appreciative,

Edward Bremer."

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER will testify that he wrote a letter in ink to ADOLPH BREMER, as follows:

"My Dear Father:

"I've seen the newspaper in which it states that you have made arrangements for everyone to lay off for three days so that this letter can reach you and contact to be made to pay off. I am sure that your word is good & that it will be as the paper stated namely the boys can get this letter to you & make arrangements to receive the money & also get the money without anyone but you & the man that is to pay off know anything about it. That means that no police or government officer will know anything about it & it can all be done on the quiet. Even though the police & government officers know nothing of these pay off arrangements, they will not be active in any way whatsoever during this three day period so that there will not be any slip up.

"I told the boys that you were a man of your word when you said that there would not be any prosecution on your part and they are absolutely relying on that.

"They also told me that they have tried to deal with you right along but that the government men have made it impossible. They said the government told you that they were not working but all the time they were working behind your back.

"Now, Pa, I am absolutely relying on what you said in the paper. I know that you mean every word of it and will stick by your word. I am as well as can be expected & am assured by the boys that I will be returned safe as soon as you have paid off.

"Pa please hurry as this is a matter of living years every day. I know you will do all in your power. Rush it through & relieve the terrible anxiety. Now please do just as the boys instruct you to & don't waste any time. The sooner the better.

"Pa, I'm relying on you this is most unbearable. Its just a living hell. I'm trying the best thats in me to fight it through so I can see you & Emily & Herty again.

Your

Edward

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER will further testify that he wrote a letter in ink as follows:

"My dearest Pats & Herty:

"Oh, I've been thinking of you so much, day and night. I'm sure you could nearly feel it. I never knew I could miss you two so much. I was just see you waiting for me to come back. My dears, don't lose courage. I'll be back with you before long & we'll never be apart again. I'm at a loss what to say. If I could only express my feelings, you would understand.

"Now, my dears, pray hard and don't lose courage. I'll be holding you both in my arms before long & that is all that I want in this world is both of you.

Your son

Edward

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER will testify that he wrote a letter to Miss Lillian Dickman as follows:

"My Dear Miss

"As my old stand by I am waiting on you to do something for me that it seems no one else can do. I must get the enclosed letter to my father--unopened--I know if I trust it in your care it will be safe. I suppose you know that my father has made a special appeal to everybody, police & government, officers included, to let me know how long it will take to make the arrangements to let me back.

now the next thing is--is to get the instructions to him--& you old pal will not fail me I know.

"As soon as you receive this note, take it to my father, please. Be sure that no one knows that you have received it. When you take it, don't say anything about it. If anyone stops you to ask you what you want, tell them you have some bank matters to take up with him or anything else you want to tell them but don't let on about this letter. When you get to see my father, be sure you are alone with him when you give him the letter. I know I don't have to tell you any more because you always understand.

"Please girl hurry--but don't loose your head--I know you won't as I'm sure you'll do just as I ask you to. We always did understand each other.

"It's a living hell here & the time I've been here seems like ages. Please do your part & I'm assured I'll be home soon. Please hurry & be careful.

As always

Ed."

He will identify his signature on each of the typewritten ransom notes; will testify that sometime during the morning of February 7, 1934, he was shaved in his room at the hideout, at which time it was daylight, which he knows in view of the fact that he could see the reflection through a crevice between the windows of his room and a board nailed thereon; that at that time he was given new underwear, socks, and a gray shirt by the kidnapers (he will identify the underwear, socks, and gray shirt); that he was blinded with a pair of goggles which were covered with adhesive tape; that he was walked by two men out of the hideout house, up several steps, and into an automobile where he was placed in the middle with a man on each side of him; that he was driven a short distance in this car, which appeared to him to have been a roadster, and was then transferred to a larger automobile which apparently was a sedan; that he was forced to sit on the floor in the rear of this car while two men rode in the front seat and one on the rear seat; that he felt a large firearm on the floor underneath him; that next to him on the floor was what seemed to be a four or five-gallon capacity tin can with rounded corners which gave off an odor of gasoline; that one or more of these cans were on the rear floor of the car and at least one on the front seat or on the front floor of the car; that after travelling for several hours, this car seemed to leave the smooth-surfaced road on which it had been travelling and go for a short distance on what appeared to be a hard

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uneven road, where it stopped; that all three of the occupants of the car then got out, leaving him therein; that the gasoline can next to him in the rear of the car was taken out by one of the men; that at that time he heard noises indicating that a tin can was being taken out of the front floor or front seat of the same car; that he then heard two or more cans of gasoline being poured into the automobile tank and smelled the odor of gasoline; that no cans were again placed in the automobile; that thereafter, the three men re-entered the car, turned it around, then seemed to drive back a short distance where they apparently entered a smoother surfaced highway than the one on which they had stopped; that they continued riding for what appeared to be approximately the same length of time as that consumed on that day prior to the aforementioned stop, when the car stopped for the second time and he was taken out and guarded near the highway by two of the men while he heard the other man drive off; that when he got out of the car at this time, there was to his knowledge at least one gun lying on the rear floor of the car; that while waiting for the car to return, he heard a train pass close by and it sounded as though it were travelling in the same general direction in which he had been, and continued to travel; that this train passed at approximately from one to two hours prior to his release at Rochester, Minnesota; that a few minutes later, the automobile returned and he and the two men re-entered the car and continued riding in the same general direction in which they had previously been travelling; that from one to two hours later, he was told that they were in Rochester, Minnesota, and that he was to be released; that he was released on a street in Rochester, Minnesota, shortly before 8:00 p.m., on February 7, 1934, at which time he was blindfolded; that only after the kidnapers' car was driven away did he take off the blindfold, which consisted of a pair of goggles covered with tape; that he went to the railroad station in Rochester where he took a train and proceeded to Owatonna, Minnesota, and from there by bus proceeded to St. Paul, where he returned home.

On April 26, 1934, WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN were arrested at Chicago, Illinois, at which time VIDLER had in his possession \$2,265.00 of the BREMER ransom money. On April 27, 1934, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner WILLIAM T. GODDARD at St. Paul, Minnesota, by Special Agent John V. Anderson, charging JOHN DOE, RICHARD ROE, JOHN McLAUGHLIN and WILLIAM E. VIDLER with conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States; that is, the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnap, or otherwise unlawfully detain. The complaint further charged that on January 17, 1934, at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, St. Paul, Minnesota, the individuals named in the complaint conspired that they would intercept and seize and confine in their custody, unlawfully, EDWARD BREMER, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; that after having seized and confined EDWARD BREMER, they conspired that they would thereafter hold EDWARD BREMER and demand for his safe return from their custody ransom in the sum of \$200,000.00; that they further conspired together that after seizing EDWARD BREMER they would transport him in interstate commerce. Certified copies of complaint and warrant were immediately forwarded to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois; and on April 28, 1934, WILLIAM E. VIDLER and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN were arraigned before United States Commissioner Edward K. Walker at Chicago, Illinois, where they entered a plea of not guilty, demanded a hearing, and were held under bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 each.

On April 28, 1934, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., and PHILIP DELANEY were arrested in Chicago, Illinois. On April 28, 1934, an additional complaint was immediately filed at St. Paul, Minnesota, before United States Commissioner GODDARD by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, including the names of PHILIP DELANEY and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR. in a complaint identical with the complaint previously filed by Special Agent John V. Anderson. Certified copies of the complaint and warrant were immediately forwarded to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois. On April 30, 1934, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., and PHILIP DELANEY were arraigned before the United States Commissioner at Chicago, Illinois, and entered pleas of not guilty and demanded a hearing and were held in custody in default of bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 each.

On May 4, 1934, the facts in this case were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, and a True Bill of indictment returned by the Grand Jury on May 4, 1934. The indictment charges ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, ROY GRAY alias Slim alias Mr. Smith, REZY alias Mr. Jones who is

described as 45 to 50 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 165 or 170 pounds, having pock marked cheeks, and a large nose; JOHN DOE who is described as 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, light complexion; RICHARD ROE aged 40 years, height 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds, sandy hair; FRANKIE WRIGHT; PHILIP DELANEY; and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., with conspiracy to kidnap, transport in interstate commerce, and hold for \$200,000.00 ransom, one EDWARD G. BREMER. At this time, none of the individuals named in the indictment with the exception of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., PHILIP DELANEY, and WILLIAM E. VIDLER have been apprehended, the latter four being in custody at Chicago, Illinois.

MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHREY, 817 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, will testify that she is 26 years old, married, and that for the past three years she has been employed at the F & W Grand & Silver Store, 87 Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, where she works at the hardware counter, which includes electrical equipment and flashlights; that she was so employed and on duty on Saturday, January 27, 1934; that on that date at about 11:30 a.m., a man called at her counter and stated that he desired three flashlights; that this man picked out three flashlights of the large reflector type and bearing the trade name "Merit Product"; that two of these lights had a black painted shaft and one of them a nickel plated shaft; that this man had in his hand a red disk and asked her whether she had similar objects in stock; that this man also purchased some "Arrow" batteries and "Eveready" batteries for these flashlights; that he also purchased from her three extra flashlight bulbs. The total amount of this man's purchase was \$3.12. He paid her with a \$5.00 bill and was given change by her; that this man was a little taller than she is and that she is about 5 feet 5 inches tall; that his hair was brown and his eyes were large; that he smiled several times, enabling her to notice his teeth, which were fairly good; that he questioned her considerably concerning the flashlights and whether they were in good working order; that the man wore high-topped leather boots with wool stockings turned down over the tops; that his trousers were of a dark material; that he wore a dark zipper type wool jacket; that he wore a cap of wool pulled down over his eyes but that he later pushed it up above his forehead; that this cap was dark colored with a long visor. (The three flashlights will be placed in evidence at this point and will be identified by her as being similar to those purchased by the above mentioned man. The cap which was found in the car which was used to transport the ransom money to the vicinity of Kumbrota will be placed in evidence here and identified by her as being similar to the cap worn by the aforementioned man.) She will testify further that on February 20, 1934, she was interviewed by Special Agent E. E. Hotelstein of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, to whom she furnished the aforementioned facts and that at that time she was shown a group of photographs from which she identified one as being a likeness of the above mentioned man who purchased the flashlights and batteries. She will identify the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS carrying No. 1539, K.S.P., as being a likeness of the person who purchased the three flashlights. She will identify a "Filmolens" as being identical with the object which was in the hands of the aforementioned person at the time he purchased the three flashlights. She will identify a statement signed by her dated February 20, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, and witnessed by Special Agent E. E. Hotelstein of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

REUBEN GROSSMANN, R.F.D., Portage, Wisconsin, will testify that he is a farmer residing about seven miles northwest of Portage, Wisconsin, on a farm; that he resided there on February 7, 1934, and immediately preceding and subsequent thereto; that at about 8:00 p.m., on February 7, 1934, when returning home, and at about three-fourths of a mile from Highway No. 16, he found four empty gasoline cans; that the spot where he found them is situated approximately 5 feet from the left side of the county dirt road; that the ground in the vicinity of the cans was wet and that he smelled these spots and noticed a strong odor of gasoline; that each can gave off the odor of gasoline; that he knows that these cans were not in that place at approximately 7:00 a.m., on that date because he passed by that spot and did not see them; that on the following morning, February 8, 1934, he returned to the spot where he had seen these cans and took them, together with a funnel which was lying thereby, to his home where he placed them in his garage; that he discussed the matter with his father, FRANK GROSSMANN, and that they decided to notify the Sheriff at Portage, Wisconsin; that on February 10, 1934, Deputy Sheriff HARRY HIBNER came to his home and took the four cans and the funnel away; that he is positive that neither he nor his father nor HIBNER touched these cans with their naked hands in his presence. (He will identify the four cans and the funnel as being similar to those above referred to.) He will testify that on February 12, 1934, he was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and that he furnished Agent McKee with the aforementioned facts.

HARRY HIBNER, Deputy Sheriff, care of the Sheriff's office, Portage, Wisconsin, will testify that on the morning of February 10, 1934, FRANK and REUBEN GROSSMANN, farmers, advised the Sheriff's office that they had found four 5-gallon tin cans which had apparently contained gasoline and had also found a tin funnel by the side of the road near their home; that he went to the home of REUBEN GROSSMANN and interviewed GROSSMANN who furnished him with the facts as above set out as the testimony of REUBEN GROSSMANN; that he obtained the four tin cans and the tin funnel from REUBEN GROSSMANN'S garage and carried them to the Sheriff's office; that the office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, was furnished this information; that on February 12, 1934, he was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and with Agent McKee he interviewed REUBEN and FRANK GROSSMANN and examined the ground where these cans had been found by REUBEN GROSSMANN; that these four cans were personally given to Special Agent McKee by him on February 12, 1934; that on February 13, 1934, he mailed the tin funnel to the office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota. He will identify the four cans and the tin funnel as being similar to those above referred to.

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EARNEST MILISCH, R.F.D., Portage, Wisconsin, will testify that he resides on a farm approximately seven miles northwest of Portage, in the vicinity of the home of REUBEN GROSSMANN; that during February, 1934, he was engaged in hauling tamarack logs; that on February 7, 1934, he laid off from work early and went to the school house nearby at about 3:30 p.m., and brought his young brother, and three children of neighbors, home from school; that at about 4:00 p.m., on that date, he was standing by the barn near his home, unhitching his team of horses, when he noticed a coffee-brown colored automobile drive past his house on the county highway; that the car came from the direction in which Highway No. 16 is located; that this car was a large sedan; that he observed that two men occupied the front seat; that they both appeared to be approximately 30 years of age, were fairly well dressed, and wore overcoats and felt hats; that this car passed approximately five yards from him and drove past his house, where it turned left at a fork in the county road and stopped at a corner, at which place the gasoline cans were subsequently found; that when this car stopped, he went to a point near his house and observed the car and the occupants as a matter of curiosity; that he observed that the two men whom he had seen on the front seat, get out of the car and go to the rear of the car and although he was not close enough to observe just what they were doing, he surmised that they were examining the spare tire; that after a short time, the car turned around and drove back past his house and to Highway No. 16.

S. K. McKee, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, will testify that on February 12, 1934, he conducted an investigation near the home of REUBEN and FRANK GROSSMANN which is approximately seven miles northwest of Portage, Wisconsin, and that on that date, he received from Deputy Sheriff HARRY HIENER at Portage, Wisconsin, four gasoline cans which he personally brought to the office of the Division of Investigation at St. Paul, Minnesota, on the same date; will identify the four cans as being similar to those which were given to him by Deputy Sheriff HIENER; will testify that these four cans, together with a tin funnel, were forwarded to the laboratory of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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MR. WALTER MAGEE, residence, 1295 Lincoln Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Business
address, 118 West Central Ave.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on January 17, 1934, while at his office at 118 West Central Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, he received a telephone call at approximately 10:20 a.m., from an individual who stated that it was MAGEE calling; that this individual informed him that they had snatched his friend ED BREMER and demanded two hundred grand; that the individual also informed him that a note would be found giving further instructions near a stairway on the premises at 118 West Central Avenue; that the individual further informed by telephone that Victim ED BREMER'S car could be found near the Snelling Water Tower; that immediately upon the completion of this telephone call, he went to the side of the building in which his office is located, and there, under a side door, found a ransom note addressed to him as CHAS. MAGEE, which he will identify, and which reads as follows:

Mr. Chas. McGee

You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking. Don't try to cross us. Your future and B'S are the important issue. Follow these instructions to the letter.

Police have never helped in such a spot and wont this time either. You better take care of the payoff first and let them do the detecting later. Because the police usually butt in your friend isnt none to comfortable now so don't delay the payment.

We demand \$200,000.

Payment must be made in 5 and 10 dollar bills--no new money--no consecutive numbers -- large variety of issues.

Place the money in two large suit box eatons big enough to hold the full amount and tie with heavy cord.

No contact will be made until you notify us that you are ready to pay as we direct.

You place an ad in the Minneapolis Tribune as soon as you have the money ready. Under personal colum (We are ready Alice)

You will then receive your final instructions. Be prepared to leave at a minutes notice to make the payoff.

Dont attempt to stall or outsmart us. Dont try to bargain.
Dont plead poverty we know how much they have in their banks.
Dont try to communicate with us we'll do the directing.

Threats arent necessary--you just do your part--we guarantee
to do ours.

Mr. Chas McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my
safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

(Signed) E. G. Bremer

Deal only when signature is used.

Chas. McGee. Personal."

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The above ransom note bore the signature of E. G. BREMER. This witness
will further testify that immediately upon finding the note from the kidnapers, he
communicated with the Commercial State Bank and ascertained that ED BREMER was not
at the bank at that time. He then communicated with ADOLPH BREMER, EDWARD's father,
and informed him of the circumstances; that after a short conference with ADOLPH BREMER,
he went, in company with ADOLPH BREMER, to the vicinity of the Snelling Water Tower,
where he located ED BREMER's Lincoln Sedan. This witness will further testify that
on the evening of January 25, 1934, ADOLPH BREMER delivered to him a claim check for
baggage which had been left at the Union Bus Depot at St. Paul, Minnesota, and upon
presenting this claim check at the Union Bus Depot, he obtained a black sippy bag,
which bag contained a pillow and an additional note which read as follows:

"TO THE PAYOFF MAN

From here on you are to assume the name of John E. Brakeham

Take the money and get on the Bus leaving this station at

8:40 pm. tonight for Des Moines

Dont travel any other way but on this BUS

Register at Fort Des Moines hotel under above name.

If your planning a double cross DONT GO ANY FURTHER.

REMEMBER THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE FOR A PAYOFF,

IF THERE ARE COPPERS TAILING YOU DONT GO.

Mr. Chas. McGee or payoff man

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety.
I am responsible for the full amount of the money

(Signed) E. G. Bremer

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The note bore the signature of E. G. BREMER. This witness will identify this note as having been obtained by him from the zipper bag which he obtained at the Union Bus Depot. This witness will also testify that on the evening of February 3, 1934, in accordance with instructions received by Mr. ADOLPH BREMER, he obtained from his home his wife's Ford Sedan, which he drove to a parking lot in the rear of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company; that from this point he drove to St. Clair and 7th Streets, where he was met by ADOLPH BREMER, Jr., and ransom money contained in two suit boxes was transferred to the car which he was driving. He then drove in a circuitous route to 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, arriving at this point at approximately 8:00 p.m., where he found parked in front of this address a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe bearing "SHELL" Oil Company signs on each door, at which point he transferred the ransom money from his wife's automobile, which he had been driving, to the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, entered the car and found in the left hand door pocket, the keys to the car, and an additional note, which he will testify from his recollection, read as follows:

"Go to Farmington, Minnesota. The Rochester bus will arrive there at 9:15 p.m. and leave at 9:25 p.m. Follow one hundred yards to back of this bus. When it leaves Farmington until you come to two red lights on the left of the road; turn on the first road to the left and proceed at fifteen miles per hour until you see five flashing lights; then stop and deposit packages of money on right hand side of road. Leave the two notes; get in car and go straight ahead."

The witness will testify that these instructions were typewritten and that there was enclosed in the envelope of instructions, a Western Union card belonging to ED BREMER. He will testify that in the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe he proceeded to Farmington, Minnesota, from there followed the bus to Cannon Falls, to Embrota, and that when about four or five miles out of Embrota, he saw two red lights on the left side of the road on the bank of a hill through which

road had been cut; that he immediately applied the brakes on the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, which he was driving, and about three hundred feet behind the point where he saw the lights, he came to a gravelled road leading to the left and turned on to this road and proceeded slowly; that he had proceeded along this road approximately one-half mile, when a car pulled in behind him and he saw the head lights flash five times; that he stopped the car he was driving, walked around the rear of the car, opened the door on the right side, took out the two suit boxes and placed them on the right hand side of the road. The witness will further testify that the note of instructions, the envelope which contained the note of instructions, and a note written by ADOLPH BREMER to the kidnapers was placed with the boxes of money; that the car which had flashed the lights five times stopped when he stopped only a short distance away and kept the head lights shining on him when he removed the two suit boxes containing the money from the Chevrolet Coupe. This witness will further testify that upon delivery of the two suit boxes containing the money at the side of the road described above, at approximately 11:15 p.m., he re-entered his car and drove straight ahead, arriving in a small town (later learned to be Mazeppa, Minnesota) from where he proceeded to Goodhue, Minnesota and proceeded to St. Paul by way of Zumbrota; that immediately upon arriving at St. Paul, Minnesota, he placed the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, which he was driving and which he had obtained in front of the address 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, in the private garage of ADOLPH BREMER, in the rear of his home. This witness will further testify that on February 8, 1934, he, in company with Special Agents in Charge Werner Hanni and Frank J. Blake, proceeded by the way of United States Highway #55 to Zumbrota, Minnesota, where they located the place where he had turned off of this highway to the left and that four flash lights were found resting on a large stone fastened with lumps of dirt and that Special Agent in Charge Hanni immediately took these flash lights into his possession. This witness will identify the two ransom notes received by him and will testify that they were delivered by him to ADOLPH BREMER. He will also identify a dark blue cap with long peak as being in the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe which he obtained at 969 University Avenue on the evening of February 6, 1934, lying on the shelf in the rear of the seat at the time he obtained this car.

This witness will further testify that on January 17, 1934, in company with ADOLPH BREMER, SR., he proceeded to the vicinity of the Snelling Water Tower, where he located the Lincoln Sedan of Victim EDWARD G. BREMER parked on Biggembe Road near the water tower; that he examined this car and found what appeared to be blood on the steering wheel, gear shift lever, the left door sill, the front seat, and the back of the front seat; that under his supervision this automobile was removed to his garage, where it was later examined by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni.

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DR. H. T. NIPPERT, residence, 706 Lincoln Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

business
address, Lowry Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

This witness will testify that on the morning of January 20, 1934, at approximately 6:00 a.m., he was awakened by a crash which apparently occurred in his home, but that he paid no particular attention to this crash; that about 7:15 a.m., he and his wife arose and while he was shaving, the maid called to have him answer the telephone; that he answered the telephone and a voice told him to go down to the vestibule of his home and see what he could find; that he immediately went down stairs and found that a bottle had been thrown through the plate glass front door and also found an envelope addressed to him, which apparently had been left under the door. He will further testify that he opened the envelope, found a note addressed to him signed by EDWARD BREMER, also found two envelopes addressed to WALTER MAGEE and to MRS. EDWARD BREMER, which he delivered to ADOLPH BREMER. The ransom note, which was delivered to DR. NIPPERT and which he subsequently delivered to ADOLPH BREMER, was addressed to CHAS. MCGEE, and reads as follows:

"Chas. McGee

You must be proud of yourself by now. If Bremer don't get back his family has you to thank. You've made it almost impossible but were going to give one more chance. - the last.

First of all all coppers must be pulled off.

Second the dough must be ready.

Third we must have a new signal. When you are ready to meet our terms place a N.R.A. sticker in the center of each of your office windows. We'll know if the coppers are pulled or not.

Remain at your office daily from noon until 6.00 p.m.

Have the dough ready and where you can get in within thirty minutes.

You will be instructed how to deliver it

The money must not be hot as it will be examined before Bremer is released

If Dahill is so hot to meet us you can send him out with the dough.

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Well try to be ready for any trickery if attempted.

This is positively our LAST attempt. DONT duck it

Mr. Chas. McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety.
I am responsible for the full amount of the money

E. G. Bremer "

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The note was signed in ink, E. G. BREMER.

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C. A. STAHLMANN, residence, 1223 Miles,
St. Paul, Minn.
business
address, 972 West 7th St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

This witness will testify that on the morning of January 22, 1934, at approximately 7:30 a.m., he arrived at the office of BEHRNS-WITTMANN COAL COMPANY, 972 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is employed as bookkeeper; that upon opening the door to the office, he found that an envelope with a typewritten address to WALTER MACKIE or ADOLPH BREMER had been left under the door. He will testify that approximately fifteen minutes later, upon the arrival of WILLIAM P. BEHRNS, at the office, he delivered this envelope to MR. BEHRNS.

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WILLIAM P. BEHRNS, residence, 2140 St. Clair St.,
St. Paul, Minn.
business
address, 972 West 7th St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

This witness will testify that on the morning of January 22, 1934, he arrived at the office of the BEHRNS-WITTMANN COAL COMPANY, 972 West 7th Street, at approximately 7:45 a.m.; that immediately upon his arrival, C. A. STAHLMANN delivered to him, an envelope bearing typewritten address, WALTER MACKIE or ADOLPH BREMER; that he opened this envelope and read the following typewritten note:

"Chas. McGee

If you can wait O.K. with us. You people shot a lot of coppers trying to get somebody killed then the copper's will be heroes but Eddie will be the martyr. The copper's think that's great but Eddie don't.

Were done taking the draws and you can go now.
From now on you make the contact. Better not try it till you pull off every copper, newspaper, and radio station. From now on you get the silent treatment until you reach us somehow yourself. Better not wait too long."

that he immediately delivered this note, together with the envelope, to MR. ADOLPH BREMER at the office of the JACOB SCHMIDT BREWING COMPANY.

JOHN MILLER, residence, 1209 Hague Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

business
address, Hamm Recreation Parlor,
Hamm Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on the evening of January 25, 1934 between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., while at the recreation parlor, which he operates in the Hamm Building, he received a telephone call; that upon answering the telephone, he said, "Hello" and that the party calling, in a hearty, friendly tone said, "Hello, is this you, John? We left a Hill Bros. coffee can on your front porch, take a cab out there immediately, take it to Adolph Bremer's home;" that he replied, "Is Adolph home?" to which the party calling replied, "I don't know but take it there anyway. I know you will find him". This witness will further testify that immediately upon completion of this telephone call, he proceeded to his home at 1209 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, but did not find a Hill Bros. coffee can on his porch as his wife had previously found it and that upon his arrival at his home his wife delivered to him a note which was addressed to CHAS. MCGEE or ADOLPH BREMER and that he did not read this note and immediately proceeded to ADOLPH BREMER's home where he delivered the note to ADOLPH BREMER. The note which was received by JOHN MILLER in a Hill Bros. coffee can, having been delivered to him by his wife, reads as follows, and is signed, in ink, E.G. BREMER:

YOUR LAST CHANCE

Chas. McGee or Adolph Bremer

You better stop listening to those assholes this time do what we tell you.

The money must be delivered tonight.

With all the coniving we still got the boy

We keep our word. Either you get him back tonight or the coppers bring him back stiff

Dont stall. Dont ask questions. Follow our instructions. Your the only one that can make the plan fail

Bring the money and this tag to the Jefferson lines Bus Station tonight at 8.20 pm sharp.

This tag is for baggage checking locker in the waiting room. Inside of HANDEAG are farther instructions Dont open this RAG even one minute before 8.20 pm It is watched.

REMEMBER

If this payoff fails we are through forever

You are watched from the time you start.

Its up to you--you get the boy alive or dead.

Mr. Walter or Adolph

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

Signed: E.C. BREMER

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MRS. JOEN MILLER,
1209 Hague Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on the evening of January 25, 1934, while she was looking through the window of her home she saw an individual approach the house and leave a can on the front porch but that she did not get a look at this individual, as he flashed a light on her as she stood in the window; that upon the departure of this party she went to the front porch and there found a Hill Bros. coffee can, which contained a note addressed to CHAS. MCGEE or ADOLPH BREMER. This witness will further testify that she did not read the note and immediately upon the arrival of her husband at the home she delivered this note to him. This witness will also identify the Hill Bros. coffee can in which the note was left on the front porch of her home.

MISS LILLIAN L. DICKMAN, residence,
1085 Cortland Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
business address:
Commercial State Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on February 5, 1934, between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m., a man came to the back door of her home at 1085 Cortland Street; that she answered this individual's knock at the back door and upon opening the door the man said, "Are you Lillian Dickman?" to which she replied in the affirmative; that the individual then handed her a note and said it was very important and in substance for her to take care of it. The note which was delivered to Miss Dickman was written in pen and ink and signed, "As Always ED". MISS DICKMAN will identify this note which reads as follows:

"My Dear Lil;

As my old standby I am calling on you to do something for me that it seems no-one else can do. I must get the enclosed letter to my father -- unopened -- & I know if I intrust it in your care it will be done. I suppose you know that my father has made a special appeal to everybody police & government officers included to lay off for three days so that he can make his own arrangements to get me back. Now the next thing is -- is to get the instructions to him -- & you old pal will not fail me I know.

As soon as you receive this note take it to my father please. Be sure that no-one knows that you have received it. When take it don't say anything about it. If anyone stops you to ask you what you want tell them you have some bank matters to take up with him or anything else you want to tell them but don't let on about this letter. When you get to see my father be sure you are alone with him when you give him the letter. I know I don't have to tell you any more because you always understand.

Please girl hurry -- but don't loose your head -- I know you wont & I'm sure you'll do just as I ask you to. We always did understand each other.

It's a living hell here & the time I've been here seems like ages. Please do your part & I'm assured I'll be home soon. Please Hurry & be careful.

As Always

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This witness will also testify that there was enclosed in the note which she received, a note to ADOLPH BREMER, which note, however, she did not read.

FATHER DEERE,
Prior Lake, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 6, 1934, a man came to the door of his home at Prior Lake, Minnesota, and asked if he were FATHER DEERE. He answered in the affirmative. The man then asked if he knew a family by the name of BREMER, to which he then replied in the affirmative. The individual then asked if he could get to St. Paul, Minnesota by 6:00 o'clock, to which he replied, "Yes". This witness will further testify that the individual had the door of his residence opened about six inches; that he wore a cap, the peak of which came down over his forehead, covering his eyes and ears; also wore a cloth jacket similar to that worn by railroad men with pockets in the side and that after the conversation, this individual thrust an envelope into his hand, which envelope contained a note addressed to himself, signed, "EDWARD BREMER", telling him to deliver additional notes which were in the envelope to ADOLPH BREMER and to EDWARD BREMER's wife. FATHER DEERE will identify the following note which was delivered to him by this individual, which is signed in ink, "E.C. BREMER":

"Chas. McGee or Honest Adolph

The coppers jinned the last payoff. Maybe you was in on it maybe not. Well know for sure next time. So we give you the benefit of doubt. We got a way to find out this time so give you one more rattle.

No more assurance though that has alive till we are assured that we get the dough. If we accept the dough you get him him back alive. Thieves are not so fazy as bankers but theyr usually more honorable.

This is just a notice that you get one more note thats all.

Get the dough ready stay ready at all time and go through without the coppers or suffer the results.

Keep the money somewhere besides the bank so you wont be followed then you go to payoff.

You will hear soon but you must be ready to leave at once.

ITS THIS TIME OR NEVER.

(Above note typewritten, with errors as set out. On reverse side is following.)

"Adolph Bremer.

We are now dealing with you as you requested.

We don't care nothing about you 72 hours grace.

We want the dough.

Tonight is the last chance we take.

You must follow these instructions to the letter

\$500,000.00 is the price if you don't.

Here are the first part of directions

THE PAYOFF MAN MUST GO ALONE.

AT 8:00 PM SHARP TONIGHT THE PAYOFF MAN MUST BE

969 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WITH THE MONEY

ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THIS ADDRESS HE WILL FIND

A BLACK CHEVROLET COUPE WITH SEKK GAS SIGNS ON THE
DOORS AND TIRE COVER.

THE KEYS FOR CAR AND FARTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN THE
SIDE POCKET OF THE CAR

READ INSTRUCTIONS. GET IN THE CAR AND DRIVE AS INSTRUCTED

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SIMPLE BUT MUST BE TIMED EXACTLY

IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE ED AGAIN.

THE IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PLAN IS THAT YOU DO
NOT GO NEAR THIS CAR ONE MINUTE BEFORE 8:00 PM

AS WE WATCH YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME

BY CHAS MCKEE or ADOLPH BREMER.

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I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible
for my safety. I am responsible for the money

(Signed) W.G. Bremer

FATHER DEERE will also testify that immediately upon receiving this
note he proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he delivered the note to MR.
ADOLPH BREMER.

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ARTHUR MURRAY, New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota. This witness will testify that about two weeks prior to the release of EDWARD BREMER, a man called at the New Hotel Brunswick in Faribault, Minnesota, who was dressed in overalls or rough clothing and appeared to be a farmer, or someone dressed as a farmer, and stated to him that this individual's father would arrive at Faribault, Minnesota, on the 10:30 p.m., bus from the Twin Cities; that his father was ill and had forgotten to bring his medicine with him; that the man gave him a package which supposedly contained medicine, and asked him to give the package to the gentleman who would arrive on the 10:30 bus and whose name, as appeared on the package, was JOHN B. BRAKEKHAM; that this individual immediately left the hotel following this conversation but returned to the hotel a short time before the bus arrived and stated that his father had telephoned that he had missed the bus; that this individual requested him to hold the package until someone called for it.

This witness will further testify that this package was held for about a month; and as no one called for it, it was opened by his mother, MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, at which time it was found to contain a ransom note addressed to JOHN B. BRAKEKHAM.

MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota. This witness will testify that she opened a package addressed to JOHN B. BRAKEKHAM which had been left at the New Hotel Brunswick, and found in this package a corn meal box containing a ransom note, purporting to have been signed in ink by E. G. BREMER. This witness will identify the following ransom note which was contained in the corn meal box:

"Chas. McGee or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeham)

We now cancel previous instructions

Follow these new instructions

Take the money and get off this Bus at the next town called

Owatonna.

About 50 feet west of where this bus stops at the station

you will find a 1933 Chevrolet coupe

The car is black and has a black tire cover with a round white spot painted in the center of the cover

Place the money in this car and get into it at once

Your next instructions are on the steering post of the car

Mr. Chas. McGee (John B. Brakeham)

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

E. G. Bremer (signature)

This witness will further testify that this note was delivered by her to her husband, MR. GEORGE M. MURRAY, on March 31, 1934.

MR. GEORGE M. MURRAY, New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota. This witness will testify that on March 31, 1934, he received from his wife, MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, a ransom note addressed to CHAS. MCGEE or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeham); that he forwarded this note on March 31, 1934, to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at St. Paul, Minnesota.

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ADOLPH BREMER, Sr., residence, 855 West 7th St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

business
address, Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co.
St. Paul, Minn.

This witness will testify to the receipt by him of the various ransom notes which are outlined and delivered to him by the foregoing witnesses. He will also identify the signature, in ink, E.G. BREMER, appearing on these notes as being the signature of his son, EDWARD G. BREMER. He will also testify that in accordance with the demands contained in the ransom notes delivered to him, that there was prepared and placed in two suit boxes at the American National Bank, \$200,000.00 in \$5. and \$10. bills. He will further testify that on the evening of February 5, 1934, this money which had previously been kept in the safe of the American National Bank, was removed to his home and later delivered to his son, ADOLPH BREMER, Jr.

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FRED CODE, Comptroller,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that in accordance with instructions received by him, he caused to be wrapped \$200,000.00 in \$5. and \$10. bills, which was received by the American National Bank from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota; that the money was wrapped in wrappers issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, bearing the following label, "Super Kraft, Sturgis Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Tellers' Favorite"; that these labels were designed to wrap bundles of \$500. each. This witness will further testify that he counted all of the money as it came from the Federal Reserve Bank, took the serial numbers therefrom, and placed the money, after being wrapped, into two suit boxes, such as are used to convey an ordinary business suit; that this money was then placed in the vault of the American National Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota, from which it was removed on the evening of February 5, 1934, and then taken in his presence to the home of ADOLPH BRIDGE, Sr., located at 875 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

ADOLPH BREMER, Jr.,
855 West 7th St.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on the evening of February 6, 1934, he removed from his father's, ADOLPH BREMER's, home, two suit boxes containing money which he placed in his car and drove to St. Clair and 7th Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota, where the money was delivered to WALTER MACKIE, being removed from the car he was driving and placed in a Ford Sedan which WALTER MACKIE was driving.

This witness will further testify that on the evening of February 5, 1934 the ransom money was removed in his presence from the American National Bank to the home of his father, ADOLPH BREMER, at 875 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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WERNER HANNI, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, will testify that on February 8, 1934, in the company of WALTER MAGEE, he proceeded to a place in the road several miles south of Zumbrota, Minnesota, to the place where on the previous night, he had observed four red lights; that he found four flashlights on the bank near the highway; that the lights were in a position facing north; that each light contained several red disks which carried the trade name "Filmolens" and which were attached underneath the regular flashlight lens; that he brought these lights and Filmolenses to the St. Paul Division office; that three of these flashlights carried the trade mark "Merit Product"; (will identify the three flashlights marked "Merit Product" which were found by him and which were identified by MRS. HUMPHREY as being the ones she sold to ALVIN KARPIS).

This witness will further testify that on January 17, 1934 he examined the Lincoln Sedan, the property of Victim EDWARD G. BREMER in the garage of WALTER MAGEE; that he found what appeared to be blood on the steering wheel, the gear shift lever, the left door sill, the front seat, and the back of the front seat; that he removed from this Lincoln Sedan the front seat, which he forwarded on February 2, 1934 to the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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O.G. HALL, Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on February 12, 1934, he examined a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe in the private garage of ADOLPH BREMER, located in the rear of ADOLPH BREMER's home, that he found the car to bear a SHELL sign on each door panel, also found the car bore 1933 Minnesota license number EL98876, and motor number 3,536,203; that there was found in the car, the following articles:

- 1 box-type kodak;
- 2 umbrellas;
- 1 pair amber glasses;
- 1 dome light lens;
- 1 hatchet;
- 1 windshield wiper blade;
- 2 old army blankets;
- 1 pair pliers;
- 1 railroad man's dark blue cap;
- A quantity of old newspapers bearing dates of April, 1933.

This witness will further testify that the above articles were removed by him from the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe and taken to the offices of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, at 203 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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DR. D. L. TOMASEK,
1914 Lincoln Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that he is the owner of 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #3,536,203, and that about 8:30 p.m., on the evening of December 22, 1933, while enroute to his home, he stopped his car on Snelling Avenue near St. Clair Street for the purpose of purchasing a Christmas tree; that he returned in about five minutes to find that his car had been stolen, and that he gave no one permission to use this car and has no knowledge as to the identity of the thief. This witness will further testify that all of the articles found by Special Agent O.G. HALL in the Chevrolet Coupe were his property with the exception of the railroad man's dark blue cap, which DR. TOMASEK will testify is not his property and was not in his automobile at the time of the theft of this car on December 22, 1933.

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EDGAR W. PRIGGE, Stockton, Minnesota, will testify that he operates a gasoline filling station at Stockton, Minnesota, on U. S. Highway No. 14, which station is located approximately 38 miles east of Rochester, Minnesota; that on the night that EDWARD G. BREMER was released at Rochester, Minnesota, at approximately 7:00 p.m., a large automobile which appeared to him to be a Buick Sedan, drove into his service station; that it contained only one person, who was the driver; that the driver asked him to fill the gasoline tank and check his oil and water; that he filled the tank with 15 gallons of gasoline; that he put three quarts of oil in the car; (he will identify from his daily records of individual sales, one dated 3-7-34 which on line 13 reflects the sale of 15 gallons of Red Crown gasoline, total charge \$2.59, and on line 19 reflects the sale of three quarts of Iso-Via oil, total 78¢); that the driver of the car was about 28 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, weighing approximately 140 pounds, that he was slim with narrow shoulders; that the man wore a gray hat; that the man asked him for road maps of Iowa and Minnesota and got out of the car and walked into the service station and came out with some road maps in his hand; that while putting gasoline in the car, he looked through the rear window of the car and saw on the floor two or more firearms which were either shot guns or rifles, or both; that he could see the rear floor of the car fairly clear in view of the electric lights outside his filling station; that the man paid him with a \$10.00 bill and received change; that the car left his station and proceeded in a westerly direction toward Rochester, Minnesota; that while he was servicing this car, GORDON MILLER of Stockton, Minnesota, walked into the filling station and remarked that the car appeared to be a Buick; that a passenger train passed through Stockton each evening at approximately 6:55 p.m., which train proceeds from Stockton to Rochester, Minnesota.

GORDON MULLEN, Stockton, Minnesota, will testify that he resides in the vicinity of Stockton, Minnesota, and on the night that BREMER was released at Rochester, Minnesota, he went to the filling station of EDGAR W. PRIGGE in Stockton, about 7:00 p.m.; that he customarily goes by this filling station each evening at about the same time in order to get the mail which arrives at 6:55 p.m., on the Chicago & Northwestern train; that as he entered EDGAR PRIGGE'S station, he noticed a large car parked therein, being serviced, which car faced west; that he saw a young man standing near the car, which he believes was a Buick Sedan of eight-cylinder capacity; that the car was of a dark color; that the car drove away from PRIGGE'S service station in a westerly direction toward Rochester, Minnesota; that shortly thereafter, PRIGGE advised him that he had seen guns on the rear floor of the car, which guns looked like rifles.

FRED JACKSON, No. 38106, inmate of the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. This witness will testify that in May, 1930, while he was an inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary, he photographed ALVIN KARPIS, being photograph No. 1539. This witness will produce the original negative made by him and introduce it in evidence.

J. C. DUNCAN, fingerprint expert, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, subpoena duces tecum to produce original fingerprint cards of ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases. This witness will testify that ARTHUR R. BARKER was fingerprinted at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on January 31, 1921, under No. 11059 and on February 11, 1922, under No. 11096.

AARON KOHN, fingerprint expert, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. This witness will testify that on February 16, 1934, there was received at the Identification Unit at Washington, D. C., four 4-5/4-gallon gasoline cans and a funnel; that from one of the gasoline cans he obtained a latent fingerprint impression which he ascertained by comparison with the fingerprint impressions of ARTHUR R. BARKER to be the fingerprint impression of the right index fingerprint of ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases. This witness will produce a chart prepared in the Identification Unit of the Division of Investigation, and by technical comparison will point out the similarities between the original fingerprint impressions of ARTHUR R. BARKER and a latent fingerprint obtained by him from the gasoline can. This witness will identify the particular gasoline can from which the latent fingerprint was obtained by him.

S. F. PICKERING, Assistant Scientist, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. This witness will testify to the receipt at the Division on February 3, 1934 of the automobile seat which had been forwarded by Special Agent in Charge Hama; that this seat and the stains thereon were examined in his presence of Edward R. Donaldson, Micro-analyst of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., and that he assisted Donaldson in this examination and found that the stains on the seat were human blood.

EDWARD R. DONALDSON, Micro-analyst, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., will testify that on February 3, 1934, at the laboratory of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. he made an examination of the stains found on an automobile seat and from this examination determined that these stains were human blood.

The following criminal record of ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, was obtained from the Division at Washington, D. C.:

[REDACTED]

The following criminal record has been obtained from the Division at Washington, D. C., for Subject ARTHUR R. BARKER:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following is the criminal record of WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, as obtained from the Division at Washington, D.C., and the Chicago Police Department:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following is the criminal record of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, alias "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, as obtained from the Division at Washington, D.C.:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

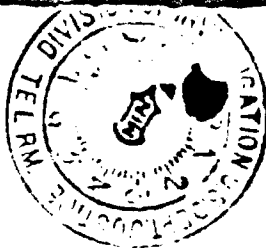
The following criminal record of PHILLIP DELANEY, with aliases, was obtained from the Division at Washington, D.C:

[REDACTED]

The records of the Identification Unit of the Division at Washington, D. C. indicate that JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., has no known criminal record.

PENDING.

MAY 25 1934 AM



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MR. NATAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COVENS
MR. EDWARD
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. CLERK
MR. RER

Mr. Newby

CONFERENCE CALL

DIV INVEST CHICAGO MAY 25 1934 10-48 AM EPH
DIRECTOR AND CLEGG



BREKID REFERENCE JOE MIDDLETON, 6201 BLACKSTONE AVENUE, CHICAGO
AS POSSIBLE ~~REPLY~~ INFORMANT LOCATION OF HIDEOUT AND SUSPECTS

WILLIAM E. FURLONG, CHICAGO ATTORNEY WHO SPONSORED MIDDLETON AS
INFORMANT IN FARM CASE, INDICATES MIDDLETON IS A CHISELER AND
UNABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS WITH MIDDLETON TEND TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS.
HE STATES FARM HIDEOUT LOCATED EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN BUT UNABLE
TO FURNISH THE EXACT LOCATION EXCEPT BY DIAGRAM, THE SAME BEING
TRANSMITTED TO THE ST PAUL OFFICE FOR ATTENTION. NO MONEY PAID
MIDDLETON AND WILL NOT BE PAID UNTIL HE PRODUCES.

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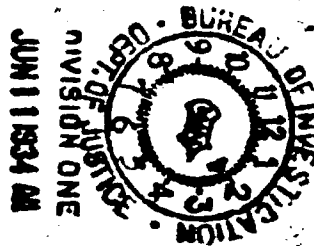
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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
June 5, 1934

Mr. Henry H. R. Briggs
Acting Postmaster
Los Angeles, California



Dear Sir:

Re: L. A. File 7-42

Will you kindly furnish this office with tracings of
all first-class mail addressed to

Miss Ruby [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Thanking you for your assistance and cooperation in
this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

WMB:AB

CC DIVISION

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

FILE NO. **7-52.**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 6/7/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/18-20/34.	REPORT MADE BY K. R. McINTIRE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation conducted in following cities in Illinois without locating the hideout:

Elizabet	Lena
Stockton	Kleroy
Warren	Dakota
Nora	Rock City
Waddams Grove	

Further investigation in
Monroe and Browntown, Wis.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois,
5/19/34.

DETAILS:

Investigation disclosed herein made by Special Agents
M. F. Glynn and J. A. Rice, in an effort to locate the
hideout in which Bremer was held.

ELIZABETH, ILLINOIS:

E. J. Coveny, Postmaster, gave the following information:
This town has a population of 870 people and is located on U. S. High-
way #20 midway between Freeport and Galena, Illinois. There is no
siren or factory whistle located here or is it possible to hear any
from nearby towns. There are no church bells rung during the week.
The Catholic Church bell rings at 8: A. M. and 10: A. M. on Sunday;
the Lutheran Church at 9: and 10: A. M. Sunday morning and the
Methodist & Presbyterian Churches at 9:30 and 10: A. M. on Sunday.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Purvis</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2224	RECORDED AND INDEXED JUN 11 1934
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Mr. Coveny or his clerk were unable to identify any of the photographs shown to them, neither were they able to recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Elizabeth. Mr. Coveny was unable to give any information regarding the hideout after this phase of the case had been discussed with him.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals without results:

Geo. Shucker, Meter Reader, Interstate Utility Co.

Al Davey, Town Marshal

Grocers;

O. M. Bishop; J. L. Grien; Stanley Goldthorpe;

Dan Clegg.

Druggists;

I. E. Shaw; Bernard Dittmar.

Wallpaper Dealers and Hangers;

J. C. Newkirk; Will Bennett.

Gasoline Station Operators & Garage men;

Fred E. Hopkins; A. Rodden;

C. E. Kyle; -station agent, C.G.W. RR.

Henry Gohorn, Elizabeth Lumber Co.

L. C. Bailey, Station Attendant, Standard Gasoline Station.

When L. C. Bailey, Station Attendant, Standard Gasoline Station, was shown the photographs of suspects, stated the following photographs looked rather familiar to him. William Weisman, Tommy Carroll, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and Harry "Dutch" Sawyer. Bailey was unable to give any definite description of these men, he could not say when he saw them, whether he saw them all together or each one separately. In fact Mr. Bailey was unable to give any information of value.

C. E. Kyle, Agent, Chicago Great Western RR., gave the following information relative to trains through Elizabeth:

Eastbound (Passenger)

4:52 A. M., 2:58 P. M.

Eastbound (Freight)

4:30 A. M., 8:15 P. M.

Westbound (passenger)

4:26 A. M., 10:06 P. M.

Westbound (freight)

5:00 A. M., 5:00 P. M.

It should be noted that a specimen of the wall paper said to be in Bremer's room and plans of the hideout house were exhibited to the meter reader and wallpaper men.

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All houses in the vicinity of the C.G.W. RR. tracks were personally viewed, however, it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

There are no water-works in Elizabeth and therefore there were no meter readers.

STOCKTON, ILLINOIS:

I. L. Dow, Assistant Postmaster, gave the following information: This town has a population of 1500 people and is located one-quarter of a mile off U. S. Hiway #20. The town siren blows at 12: noon and in case of fire. There are no factory whistles here and none can be heard from nearby towns. The Chicago Great Western R.R. serves this town.

Mr. Dow was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to him, neither could he recall any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever having received mail at Stockton. Mr. Dow was unable to give any information regarding the hideout.

Father A. E. Schunickt, Pastor of the Catholic Church stated his church bell rings at 7:00 A. M., 8:00 A. M., 12: Noon and 6:00 P. M. every day except Sunday. That on Sunday it rings at 7:00 A. M., 7:50 A. M., 9:50 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 12: Noon and 6:00 P. M. He stated further that the Methodist or Evangelical Church bells do not ring during week days except in case of special services. That they ring at various times between 9:30 and 11:00 on Sunday mornings.

R. S. Dresser, Agent, C. G. W. RR. gave the following information relative to trains through Stockton:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
5:15 A. M., 5:00 P. M.	4:00 A. M., 10:05 P. M.
Eastbound (Freight)	Westbound (Freight)
5:50 A. M., 6:00 P. M.	3:50 A. M., 2:00 P. M.

Photographs were shown to the following individuals without results:

R. S. Dresser, Station Agent, C. G. W. RR.
Wm. Wenger, Meter Reader, Ill. Northern Utility Co.
F. J. Kirk, Manager and meter reader, Stockton Water Works.

F. E. Coppernall, Town Marshal
Gasoline Station Attendants and Garage men:
O. H. Baskian; C. Schroeder; J. Faharty;
R. Schoffield; Glen Schrier; Neil Perry.
Druggists:
Henry Wismeyer; A. M. Smith.
Grocers:
Della Harrison; S. W. Tucker; J. Lingle;
C. E. Gilberts; J. A. Evans.
Wallpaper Dealers and Hangers:
A. J. Hendel; W. Fiddler; R. L. Smith;
L. C. Gaskian; Gaskian Lumber Co.

It should be noted that a specimen of the wallpaper said to be in Bremer's room was shown to the meter readers and wallpaper dealers and hangers, together with house plans.

Personal observation was made of all houses in the vicinity of the C. G. W. RR. tracks and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

F. E. Coppernall, Town Marshal, stated his records failed to reveal there was a fire in Stockton on January 28th, 1934.

WARREN, ILLINOIS:

A. Justus, Postmaster, gave the following information: This town has a population of 1200 people and is located on Illinois State Highway #78, about one-quarter mile south of the Illinois-Wisconsin State Line. There is a siren located here that blows at 12: Noon daily, except Sunday and in case of fire. There is no factory whistle and it is not possible to hear one from nearby towns. This town is served by the Illinois Central R. R.

Mr. Justus or his clerk were unable to recognize any of the photographs shown to them, neither were they able to recall if any of the suspects under their proper names or aliases ever received mail in Warren. Mr. Justus was unable to give any information regarding the hideout.

Father J. M. Lully, Pastor, St. Anne's Church stated he has his church bell ring on Sunday mornings at 7:30, 8:00, 9:30 and 10:00 and

at no other time during the week. He stated further that the Baptist and Methodist Churches rang their bells at 9:30 and 10:00 A. M. on Sunday and at no other time except in case of special services.

I. N. Swain, Agent, I. C. R. R., gave the following information relative to trains passing through Warren:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
4:24 A. M., 1:15 P. M. and 6:02 P. M.	4:38 A. M., 1:15 P. M. and 9:44 P. M.
Eastbound (Freight)	Westbound (Freight)
4:00 A. M., 8:24 A. M. 2:45 P. M., 5:45 P. M. and 9:44 P. M.	1:15 A. M., 9:35 A. M. 3:15 P. M., 8:55 P. M.

Mr. Swain stated there is very little switching done at this point.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals, without results:

J. W. Reed, Meter Reader, Warren Water Works.
Robert Cook, Meter Reader, Ill. Northern Utility Co.
James Bourguine, Town Marshal
John Bommer, Druggist.
M. Grundy, Grundy Lumber Co.
Grocers:
O. T. Ford; T. Hartsogh; Wm. Grundy; E. T. Zeigle; M. F. Keilberger.
Gasoline Station Operators and Garage Operators:
J. Leubangh; R. Hewitt; O. G. Storing; J. Corent; Leslie Aikens.
Wallpaper Dealers and Hangers:
E. Andrews; Wm. Groon; F. Fox; E. Dreibellais
I. N. Swain, Agent, I. C. R. R.

It should be noted that a specimen of the wallpaper said to be in Bremer's room together with the plans of the hideout house were exhibited to meter readers and wallpaper dealers and hangers.

It was learned at the Fire Department that there was no fire in Warren on January 28th, 1934.

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Personal observation was made of all houses located in the vicinity of the Illinois Central R. R. Tracks and it was found that none of them corresponded with the hideout house.

MORA, ILLINOIS:

Abbie Minor, Postmistress, gave the following information: This town has a population of 100 people and is located on a very rough gravel country road. It has no siren or factory whistle and it is not possible to hear either from nearby towns. The Congregational Church bell rings at 9:00 and 9:30 A. M., every Sunday and at no other time. This town is served by the Illinois Central R. R.

Mrs. Minor was unable to recognize any of the photographs shown to her, neither was she able to recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Mora. Mrs. Minor was unable to give any information relative to the hideout.

M. P. Moore, Agent, Illinois Central R. R. gave the following information relative to trains passing through Mora:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
4:30 A. M., 1:19 P. M. and 6:06 P. M.	4:30 A. M., 1:06 P. M. and 9:38 P. M.
Eastbound (Freights)	Westbound (Freights)
4:06 A. M., 8:50 A. M., 2:50 P. M., 5:50 P. M. and 9:50 P. M.	1:07 A. M., 9:29 A. M. 5:07 P. M., 8:40 P. M.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals, without results:

Grocers:

V. H. Skitch; F. D. Kelley, also has a gasoline station;
M. P. Moore, Station Agent & Telegraph Operator, I. C. RR.
J. B. Swan, Swan and Roe Lumber Co.
R. T. Stanley, Meter Reader, Illinois Northern Utility Co.

There are no waterworks, druggists, wallpaper hangers, town marshals or garages in this town.

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Personal observation was made of all houses in the vicinity of the I. C. R.R. tracks and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

WADDAMS GROVE, ILLINOIS:

Lloyd A. Schneider, Postmaster, gave the following information: This town has a population of 50 people and is located on a rough gravel county road. It is served by the Illinois Central R. R. It has no sirens, factory whistles and it is not possible to hear any from nearby towns. There are no waterworks, drug stores, churches, garages or town marshals located here.

Mr. Schneider was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to him, neither was he able to recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Waddams Grove. Mr. Schneider was unable to give any information relative to the hideout.

Harry Fenn, Agent, I. C. R.R. gave the following information relative to trains passing through Waddams Grove:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
4:56 A. M., 1:25 P. M.	4:56 A. M., 1:12 P. M.
6:14 P. M.	9:44 P. M.
Eastbound (Freight)	Westbound (Freight)
4:12 A. M., 8:56 A. M.	1:00 A. M., 9:25 A. M.
2:57 P. M., 5:56 P. M.	5:00 P. M., 8:50 P. M.
and 9:56 P. M.	

Photographs were shown to the following persons, without results:

Albert Gents, Gents Lumber Co.
Harry Fenn, Station Agent & Telegraph Operator, I. C. R. R.
Lucille Blake, and G. A. Schneider-Grocers & Gas. station Operators.

Personal observation was made of the three houses in the vicinity of the I. C. R. R. tracks and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

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LENA, ILLINOIS:

C. J. Roahde, Postmaster, gave the following information: This town has a population of 1100 people and is located on a paved County Highway. The fire siren blows at 7:00 A. M., 12: Noon, 1:00 P. M., 6:00 P. M., daily, except Sunday, and in case of fire. There is no factory whistle here and it is not possible to hear one from nearby towns. There are two Lutheran Churches here which ring bells at 9:30 and 10:00 A. M., on Sunday, the Methodist Church bell rings at 9:30, 10:00 and 11:00 A. M. on Sunday and the Catholic Church at 9:30 and 10:00 A. M. on Sunday. This town is served by the Illinois Central R. R.

Mr. Roahde or his clerk were unable to identify any of the photographs shown to them, neither were they able to recall if suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Lena. Mr. Roahde was unable to give any information relative to the hideout after this phase of the case had been discussed with him.

E. Donner, Station Agent, Illinois Central R. R., gave the following information relative to trains passing through Lena:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
4:42 A. M., 1:51 P. M. and 6:20 P. M.	4:50 A. M., 1:00 P. M. and 9:56 P. M.
Eastbound (Freight)	Westbound (Freight)
4:18 A. M., 8:42 A. M. 5:06 P. M., 6:02 P. M. and 10:08 P. M.	12:50 A. M., 9:17 A. M. 2:50 P. M., 8:24 P. M.

Mr. Donner stated there is very little switching done in the railroad yards at this point.

Photographs of suspects were exhibited to the following individuals, without results:

Ed. Donner, Agent and Telegraph Operator, I. C. R. R.
Bill Hofer, Town Marshal
Art Schelder, Druggist.
Cloy Gisherville, Manager & Meter Reader-Lena Water Works.
Leo Richmond, Meter Reader, Illinois Northern Utility Co.
G. G. Trotter, Lena Lumber Co.
Grocers:
C. W. Klickner; J. R. Gob(or Gale); Mrs. Harrison; R. J. Trotter.

Gasoline Station & Garage Operators:
 Tom Wright; G. Groesinger; Dave Markle.
 Wallpaper Dealers & Hangers:
 Ray Allison; Harry Altenberg; Morris Sprague.

It should be noted that a specimen of the wallpaper said to be in Bremer's room together with the plans of the hideout house were shown to the meter readers, wallpaper dealers and hangers. There was no fire in Lena on January 28th, 1934.

Personal observation was made of all houses in the vicinity of the Illinois Central R. R. tracks and it was noted that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

KIEROY, ILLINOIS:

A. E. Steals, Postmaster, Grocer, and Gasoline Station Operator, gave the following information. This town has a population of 75 people and is located on the U. S. Highway #20. It has no sirens or factory whistles and none can be heard from nearby towns. The United Brethren Church bell rings at 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock every Sunday morning and at no other time. This town is served by the Illinois Central R. R.

Mr. Steals was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to him, neither was he able to recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Kieroy. Mr. Steals was unable to give any information regarding the hideout.

Walter Grenger, Station Agent, Ill. Central R. R., gave the following information relative to trains passing through Kieroy:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
4:52 A. M., 1:41 P. M.	4:20 A. M., 12:50 P. M.
and 8:40 P. M.	and 9:28 P. M.
Eastbound (Freight)	Westbound (Freight)
4:28 A. M., 8:52 A. M.	12:40 A. M., 9:07 A. M.
5:18 P. M., 10:18 P. M.	2:40 P. M., 6:14 P. M.

Photographs were shown to the following individuals without results:

Gasoline Station Attendant & Garage Operator:
 Art Swan; O. Robinson.
 W. Grenger, Station Agent & Telegraph Operator, Ill. C. R. R.

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There is only one grocery store in this town, there are no lumber yards, drug stores, water works, town marshals, paper dealers or Hangers, or meter readers.

All houses in the vicinity of the Illinois Central R. R. tracks were personally viewed and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

DAKOTA, ILLINOIS:

Veneta Moss, Postmistress, gave the following information: This town has a population of 250 people and is located on State Highway #75. It has no siren and the Creamery whistle blows at 12: Noon daily except Sunday. The Community Church bell rings at 9:00 and 10:00 o'clock every Sunday morning only. This town is served by the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul and Pacific R. R.

Mrs. Moss was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to her, neither was she able to recall if any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever received mail in Dakota. Mrs. Moss was unable to give any information relative to the hideout.

J. J. Marsch, Station Agent, C. M. St. Paul & P. R. R. gave the following information relative to trains through Dakota:

Eastbound (Passenger)	Westbound (Passenger)
6:21 A. M. , 1:15 P. M.	12:05 P. M. , 8:12 P. M.
Eastbound (Freights)	Westbound (Freights)
8:40 P. M.	5:18 P. M.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals, without results:

E. R. Vertus, Vertus Lumber Co.
J. J. Mayers and W. C. Smith, -Grocers & Gasoline Station Opps.
J. F. Craven, M. M. Mitchell, Gasoline Station & Garage owners.
J. Roach, Geo. Sneltzer, Wallpaper dealers and hangers.
J. J. Marsch, Station Agent and Telegraph Opr.-C. M. St. P. & P. R. R.
Maynard Russell, Meter Reader, Illinois Northern Utility Co.

It should be noted that a specimen of the wallpaper said to be in Bremer's room together with the plans of the hideout house were shown to the meter reader and wallpaper men.

Personal observation was made of all houses in the vicinity of the railroad tracks and it was noted that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

There is no marshal in this town, no drug store, or water works.

ROCK CITY, ILLINOIS:

The following information was given by Postmaster, A. J. Miller. This town has a population of 150 people and is located on State Highway #75. The fire siren blows at noon daily and in case of fire. There is no factory whistle here and it is not possible to hear any from nearby towns. The Evangelist Church bell rings at 9:30 and 10:00 A. M. every Sunday and at no other time. This town is served by the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul and Pacific R. R.

Mr. Miller was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to him, neither was he able to recall any of the suspects, under their proper names or aliases, ever having received mail in Rock City. Mr. Miller was unable to give any information regarding the hideout.

John Reilly, Station Agent, C. M. St. Paul and P. R. R. gave the following information relative to trains through Rock City:

Eastbound-6:40 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.
Westbound-11:50 P. M. and 8:00 P. M.

Photographs were exhibited to the following individuals, without results:

W. Thoren; Jess A. Meyer, -Grocer & Gasoline Station Operators.
W. M. Grossakop, wallpaper dealer and hanger.
Maynard Russell, Meter Reader, Durand, Illinois.
John Reilly, Station Agent and Telegraph Operator, -C. M.
St. Paul and Pacific R. R.

There is no town marshal, drug store, garage, water works, or lumber yard in this town.

Personal observation was made of all houses in the vicinity of the Railroad tracks and it was found that none of them fitted the description of the hideout house.

MONROE, WISCONSIN:

The following investigation was conducted at Monroe, Wisconsin, the County Seat of Green County, by Special Agent J. E. Rice on May 18 and 19, 1934.

Monroe has a population of approximately 5000 people. It is located at the intersections of State Highway #69 (Madison, Wisconsin, to Freeport, Illinois and State Highway #11 (Dubuque, Iowa, to Beloit, Wisconsin), these being the main highways, same being concrete, rough and a series of curves. Monroe is served by the Illinois Central and Chicago-Milwaukee and St. Paul railroads-these being spur lines and having very little railroad traffic, a schedule of which will be later set out.

Assistant Fire Chief, E. F. Sckenter, voluntary fire department advised that the fire-siren, which is stationary, is blown by him only at (midday) noon each day of the week and for fires and that there is no record of a fire or alarm being sounded by the siren from January 17 to February 7, last.

Mr. A. F. Lachsinger, owner and operator of the Lachsinger Monument Works, advised that the air whistle at his plant blows at 7:30 A. M. and at noon each week day, and further investigation disclosed that this is the only whistle at Monroe which blows.

Otto Schneider, janitor, at the Court House stated the tower clock on the Court House contains a bell which tolls the hour night and day. The tolling of the time can most generally be heard anywhere within the city limits.

The following Churches have bells and an interview of the janitor was had and the day and time of the tolling of the bells were secured as follows:

Catholic Church-Jim Keegan, janitor- 7:55 A. M. and 9:55 A. M. each Sunday.

St. John's Evangelical-Sam Hauser-7:00 P. M. each Saturday - 9:00 A. M., 9:50 A. M., 10:50 A. M.-each Sunday.

Emanuel Evangelical-Charles Berring- 8:50 A. M., 9:00 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 11:00 A. M., 7:00 P. M., 7:50 P. M.-each Sunday.

Methodist-Thomas Beavin,- 9:50 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 11:00 A. M., 7:00 P. M. 7:50 P. M. each Sunday.

The following is a train schedule for Monroe, Wisconsin, furnished by Agent F. E. Lamborley employed by the Illinois Central R. R. :

N.-bound-Arr.-8:55 A. M.	Departs-8:57 A. M.
N.-bound-Arr.-12:01 P. M.	Departs-12:05 P. M.
N.-bound-Arr.-5:00 A. M.	does not stop
S.-bound-Arr.-2:55 P. M.	Departs-2:57 P. M.

The above are mixed trains, no passenger trains operate. With the exception of the north bound-5:00 A. M., each train does its own switching at Monroe, if any is necessary.

The following is a train schedule furnished by Agent Frank Callentine, employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. :

E.-bound 1:45 P. M.	- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
E.-bound 4:05 P. M.	- Week days-mixed train
W.-bound 12:27 P. M.	- Week days-mixed train
W.-bound 1:45 P. M.	- Tuesday, Thursday, and Sat.-mixed train

The above trains do their own switching at Monroe, if any is necessary and their time of departure sometimes are problematical.

The floor-plans of the alleged hideout was furnished to Sheriff -Fred W. Foesser, and his deputies, Chief of Police, Jerome Schwaiger and members of his department, Fire-Chief-Jake Blumer, Assistant Postmaster-M. D. Grennell, and all post office employees including city and rural carriers. Lealie Hayes, Manager-Wisconsin Power and Light Co. and employees; H. M. Place, Manager, Wisconsin Hydro, Electric Co. and employees; George Schneider, Sup't. of Monroe Water Works; U. L. Chambers, Chambers Wall Paper Co., and paper hangers; Phil and Geo. Burger; John Boltger; John Donmeyer; Howard Chadwick, Manager and employees, Monroe Lumber and Fuel Co.; Henry L. Larsen, Manager and employees, Green County Lumber and Fuel Co.; Robert Rote, Manager, A. F. Rote Coal Co.

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None of the above mentioned were able to recall of any house at Monroe or vicinity that would be similar to construction to the information furnished. Photographs of subjects and alleged associates were exhibited to the above mentioned parties, as well as to the following, none of the parties were able to identify any of the photographs:

Western Union, Geo. Jacobs, Manager.
Postal Telegraph Station located at Monroe.

Barber Shops:

Day Bros.	A. F. and D. E. Day
John Knitchold	and employees
T. J. Hines	" "
Max Schneider	" "
Harvey Mason	" "
Wm. Sacker	" "
C. Spaide	" "
Ernest Meyers	" "
C. Stuessy	" "
Chas Holsinger	" "
Russell Orth	" "

Gasoline Stations:

Mid Continent	Emmett Norton
" "	Albert Frey
" "	Alfred Boegli
Shell Station	Ray Chesebro
Standard Oil	Mathin Coplein
" "	Wuethrich Wick
" "	J. C. Scheinder
Deep Rock Oil	Chas Buholzer
Texaco	Ernest Stadler
" "	Sam Boyd
Sinclair	Paul Rufenacht
" "	Perle Richardson
Tank Car Service	Jack Taylor
Mayer Oil Co.	Mort Mayer.

None of the gasoline station attendants could recall of receiving a request to fill any cans with gasoline that held approximately 4 1/2 gallons.

Drug Stores:

Ford-Hopkins	Harold D. Larns, Manager, and employees
Blumer pharmacy	Harold Blumer,
South Side Drug Store	Clarence Keupfert, Mgr., &
Rexall	Will Truckenbord, Manager, and

Grocery Stores:

Kroeger #1	Arnold Schroeder, Mgr., and employees
" #2	J. Lueifil, " "
Royal Blue	C. L. Mason, " "
Meythaler Bros.	Charles & Fred Meythaler and "
National Tea Co.	Walter Wyss, Mgr. " "
A. & P.	Cacius Woodle, " "
W. J. Keiger	W. J. Keiger " "
Hanser Cash	H. C. Hanser " "
Young & Co.	Roy Young " "

Garages:

Dodge Motor Co.	Bert Lynch, Manager and employees.
Badger " "	Wm. Grueb " "
Green County Auto Co.	Alvin Stoldt, Mgr. and "
Specialty Service	Frank Davis, " "
Pellmore Motor Co.	J. L. Pellmore, " "
Monroe Sales Co.	Roy Jaberg " "

Hotels:

Ludlow	Roy Grant, Manager.
Monroe	Fred Roth, " "
Green County House	Harry Young " "
City Hotel	Fred Steffin " "
Eugene	Arthur Sperry " "
United Telephone Co.	J. P. Weirich, " and employees.

During the above investigation at Monroe it was ascertained that there is no winter fishing at Monroe and vicinity and that neither are there any airport, or airplane facilities at Monroe.

BROWNTOWN, WISCONSIN:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Rice at Browntown, Wisconsin, on May 20th, 1934.

Browntown is located 8 miles west of Monroe on State Highway #11, formerly #20, and is of concrete, rough, and a series of curves. It has a population of 300. It has no public sanitary system. Same has a voluntary fire department and Fire Chief J. E. Maddrell reports no record of a fire from January 17 to February 7th, 1934. This department maintains a stationary fire siren which is blown for fires only. There are no whistles. Mr. Maddrell advised that there is no house constructed similar to that of the alleged hideout at Browntown.

Photographs of subjects and alleged associates were exhibited to the following, no identification was made:

Miss Sophie Jackson	-	Postmistress
Willard Samson	-	Browtown Garage & Standard Gasoline Station.
B. E. Maddrell	-	Operator General Store.
A. M. McCulley	-	Drug Store & Tavern

Ministers, Seelander and Wychal, of the Methodist and German Lutheran Churches, respectively, advised that the bells of their churches rang under their supervision at 9:00 A. M. and at 11:00 A. M., each Sunday.

Browtown does not maintain a police officer but is covered by the Sheriff's Office at Monroe, Wisconsin.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Lester
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Form No. 1
1746 CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota St. Louis, Mo.

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/7, 1934 21, 25/34	REPORT MADE BY J. O. NICHES
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1. TITLE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al.
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS
Willie Louise Riley located in disorderly house 4518 Forest Park Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. wife of Theodore Riley, claims no knowledge of subjects. Advises well acquainted with Paula Harmon, whose present whereabouts are unknown to her. Inquiry made by William Ryan, Deputy Sheriff, Danville, Ill., with reference to identity of suspects in instant matter, made by Ryan during investigation of local case in Danville, no connection with present case. Mrs. W. A. Winklesbach, Toledo, Ill. mother of Mrs. E. E. Gibson, Tampa, Fla. Mrs. E. E. Gibson, her daughter Mildred, who is the wife of Harry Campbell, identified her as her daughter's husband in Toledo, Ill. in March 1933 for approximately two weeks. Mildred Campbell having alias in Toledo of Helen Potter. Mildred Stewart, Toledo, Ill. daughter of Mrs. W. A. Winklesbach by previous marriage. Driver, General Delivery, Duquoin, Ill., to whom issued 1933 Illinois license 1229191 for Buick Coach, motor No. 2172432, fictitious, E. M. Dunn, Duquoin, Ill. Fugitive on application for said license. Results of check of numerous other Illinois licenses have proven issued to fugitives. Results of check of 1934 Illinois license for Robert Thomas Henry L. Bartoll, Hannemann, near St. Louis, Mo. County, Ill. for Dodge Coupe, motor No. 2172432.

REFERENCE
Letter of Willie Louise Riley to Chicago, Ill. dated May 7, 1934.

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Dallas, dated March 8, 1934.
Letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, dated
March 23, 1934.
Letter of Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Chicago,
dated March 24, 1934.
Telegram of Special Agent in Charge Blum, Dallas,
dated May 7, 1934.

DETAILS:

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Pursuant to receipt of telegram of reference, which advised that Theodore Riley, former associate of Paula Harmon, had received a letter at Beaumont, Texas mailed on May 4, 1934 from St. Louis, Mo. from Mrs. Billie Riley, 4318 Forest Park Blvd., investigation conducted by this office, disclosed that such residence was being operated as a disorderly house.

In conjunction with officers of the St. Louis Police Department, a raid was conducted at said residence on May 7, 1934, at which time Clara Schildroth, age 31, Daisy Greer, age 26, Louise Strange, age 25 and Billie Louise Riley, age 21, all inmates of the aforementioned house, were taken into custody. Subsequent to being taken into custody, a group photograph of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell, together with a police photograph of Paula Harmon, were displayed to the aforementioned girls, all of whom, with exception of Billie Louise Riley, advised they had no knowledge of such persons. Billie Louise Riley was interviewed by Special Agent R. W. Maher, of this office, and advised that she is personally acquainted with Paula Harmon, and stated that she is presently 21 years of age and also married to Theodore Riley with whom she had lived at 1092 Center St., Beaumont, Texas, separating from him approximately one year ago, subsequent to which, she lived at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gellery, 225 Wall St., Beaumont, Texas. Billie Louise Riley further stated that approximately 2 months ago, she had met one, Daisy Greer, at Beaumont, Texas, who persuaded her to come to St. Louis, Missouri, where she, Daisy Greer, intended to visit her sister. Billie Louise Riley further advised that, on March 10 last, she and Daisy Greer, left Beaumont, Texas by way of Great Bond Bus, arriving in St. Louis, Missouri on or about March 13, 1934, that on arrival, she and Daisy Greer, went directly to the home of Daisy's sister, Clara Schildroth, 4318 Forest Park Blvd.

When the group photograph referred to above, was shown to Billie Louise Riley, she advised that she had no knowledge of any of the persons therein. She did, however, identify the photograph of Paula Harmon, stating that she was well acquainted with Paula Harmon, and that Paula Harmon also used the name of Paula Woods; further, that approximately one year ago last January, she received information that Paula Harmon was living with her husband, Theodore Riley, at either 952 or 962 Center St., Beaumont, Texas, and that she had phoned Paula Harmon through telephone No. 6855, and asked her if it was so that she was living with her husband, Theodore; further that when Paula Harmon answered in the affirmative, she only replied "I hope you will have better luck with him than I did", claiming that she has not heard from or seen Paula Harmon since that time. Billie Louise Riley further alleges that Paula Harmon's people, name unknown, reside at Port Arthur, Texas.

Interview with the aforementioned Daisy Greer and Clara Schildroth, substantiate the statements made by Billie Louise Riley, pertaining to her coming to St. Louis.

AT DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

William Ryan, Deputy Sheriff, Vermilion County, was interviewed by the writer pertaining to his interest in the instant case, and advised that he did not recall at this time, a telephone conversation with the Chicago Division Office pertaining to the identity of suspects in the instant matter. Mr. Ryan, however, stated that he recalled discussing the instant matter with several Federal Agents and Division Agents, whose names he does not at this time recall, at the time he was investigating circumstances surrounding a swindle perpetrated on one, Pete Samichon, who operates a candy kitchen at 150 Vermilion St., Danville, Illinois. After discussing this matter with Mr. Ryan, it was discernible that there was no connection with the instant case and it was further ascertained that the Sheriff's office at Danville, Illinois was in possession of photographs of Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker. In connection with this particular matter, the Division is advised that Mr. William Ryan is a candidate for the office of U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Illinois; further, that Ryan has, for some time, been associated in the law enforcement work and bears a very good reputation in Danville.

AT TOLEDO, ILLINOIS

Edgar Neal, Acting Postmaster at Toledo, Illinois was interviewed and advised that Mrs. W. A. Winklebach had for a number of years

been a resident at that point and is regarded as a respectable citizen. Neal stated that he recalls several letters being received by Mrs. Winklebach from a Mrs. Gibson in Texas, whom he knows to be a daughter of Mrs. Winklebach. Neal further stated that Mrs. Winklebach was previously married to a man named Stewart and had several children by her first husband, now residing in Toledo, among whom was one, Wesley Stewart, who is considered a rather worthless character.

In company with Mr. Neal, Sheriff Pete Nunemaker was interviewed and advised that in March of 1933, Ernest Stewart, son of Wesley Stewart, together with a young boy named Eggers, had been involved in a robbery at Toledo; that, subsequently, Eggers was arrested and that it had been learned that Ernest Stewart was visiting Mrs. Gibson, daughter of Mrs. Winklebach, in Texas; that Mrs. Winklebach's daughter and Ernest Stewart returned to Toledo, Illinois at which Ernest Stewart was taken into custody, and is now serving a term on the aforementioned robbery charge. Sheriff Nunemaker further stated that the Gibsons were in Toledo for approximately two weeks, and that, to his knowledge, Mrs. Gibson's daughter was using the name of Helen Rotter; further, that, to his knowledge, a man posing as the husband of Mrs. Gibson's daughter, was also present in Toledo, at that time, and had associated for some time, with aforementioned Wesley Stewart, who Sheriff Nunemaker stated, is a local Police character. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, were displayed for the Sheriff's examination, as well as that of Acting Postmaster Neal, and both advised that, to their knowledge, no one answering the description of any, had been Toledo. Sheriff Nunemaker further stated that he could not be positive in his identification of Harry Campbell, as the individual who accompanied the Gibsons in Toledo in March, 1933, and who posed as the husband of Mrs. Gibson's daughter, who was, as previously stated, using the alias of Helen Rotter. Sheriff Nunemaker stated that he would immediately advise the St. Louis Division Office should the Gibsons again put in an appearance at Toledo, Illinois and arrangements were also made with Acting Postmaster Edgar Neal for the observation of mail being received by Mrs. W. A. Winklebach and Wesley Stewart.

In view of that arrangement, that there is a possibility that some information of value might be obtained by reason of such observation, no direct contact was deemed advisable at this time with either Wesley Stewart or Mrs. Winklebach.

In this connection, attention is directed to a letter of Inspector H. H. Clegg, St. Paul, dated May 14, 1934, requesting this office to determine the identity of Elizabeth Stewart, Toledo, Illinois, who had written a letter to Mrs. R. E. Gibson, at Pampa, Texas. From the information previously obtained, it appears that Elizabeth Stewart is a daughter of Mrs. W. A. Winklebach by her previous marriage, and is a sister of Mrs. R. E. Gibson of Pampa, Texas, and Wesley Stewart of Toledo, Illinois.

Pertaining to the investigations being conducted in this district for the purpose of obtaining the identity of persons to whom Illinois licenses have been issued whose names are similar to those of known members of the Karpis-Barker Gang, and for the purpose of tracing cars known to have been, at one time, in the possession of said gang, the following results are noted:

1933 Illinois license No. 21324 issued to E. Lester Burns, River St., Mokenca, Illinois for 1931 Chevrolet Sedan, motor 2890226, was determined to have actually been in the possession of E. Lester Burns who is the manager of the Burns Creamery, 111 W. River St., at Mokenca. Mr. Burns, upon being interviewed, displayed a registration card for 1934 Illinois tags 830266 issued at his previous address 227 W. Fourth St., Mokenca, for 1931 Chevrolet Sedan, motor 2890226, serial No. 3 21 AE 76744. Mr. Burns advised that the instant car is presently in his possession and that 1933 Illinois tags 21324 have been destroyed, but that, to his knowledge, same were in his possession from the date of their issue.

Investigation conducted by Special Agent R. E. Dannon, of this office at Peoria, Illinois pertaining to 1933 Illinois license 200523, issued to Arthur Barker, R.R. 5 Pekin, Illinois for a Chrysler Sedan, and to 1934 Illinois license 88706 issued to Arthur Barker R.R. 5, Peoria, Illinois, disclosed that said route was covered from the branch Post Office located at 222 E. Peoria, Illinois. Everett Riggs, carrier, E. Peoria, Illinois was interviewed and stated that Arthur Barker was a farmer residing on a small farm of about ten acres; that he is about 40 years of age and married to a Hoke woman, whose parents reside only a short distance from the Barker Farm which is on R.R. 1, Pekin, Illinois; that the

Barkers have no children and that Barker's parents are deceased; that, to his knowledge, Barker has no relatives living in this vicinity and further that Barker is steadily employed and has lived on said farm for the last four years. Mr. Biggs also stated that, to his knowledge, Arthur Barker drives an old model Chrysler Sedan, and is of good reputation, being particularly interested in the Church which is in the vicinity.

With reference to 1933 Illinois tag No. 896943, issued to R. L. Burns, 901 Cartwright St., Chillicothe, Illinois, inquiry was made by Special Agent Dameron through George Leiner, Post Office employee at Chillicothe, Illinois, which disclosed that Raymond L. Burns was born and raised in Chillicothe, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Burns, who, being now deceased, was a former township commissioner; further, that Clyde Burns, a brother, is now township commissioner, and now lives with his mother in a subdivision, known as Northhampton; that Raymond Burns is about 38 years of age, married and served in the U. S. Navy; that, until about four years ago, he resided with his people in Northhampton, and worked in a number of filling stations and restaurants, and is now believed to be located in Peoria. Mr. Leiner further advised that, to his knowledge, Raymond Burns bore a good reputation and had never been in difficulty with local officers.

Pertaining to 1933 Illinois license 574783, issued to Mrs. George L. Morton, 411 Westmoreland Ave., Peoria, Illinois, Special Agent Dameron of this office, interviewed the Superintendent of Mails and Chief of Detectives Fred Montgomery of Peoria, which disclosed that George L. Morton is an elderly man owning the property where he resides, and that he is employed as a foreman at the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Plant in Peoria.

With reference to 1934 Illinois license 134620 issued to Dr. J. J. Burns, 318 W. South St., Dwight, Illinois, Postmaster James E. Speert, Dwight, Illinois advised that Dr. Burns is a dentist and has resided in Dwight for at least the last twelve years; that Dr. Burns is married, approximately 35 years of age and has several children. Postmaster Speert further stated that Dr. Burns father, now deceased, formerly associated with the Railroad, and that his mother is presently residing with her son. The Postmaster also stated that Dr. Burns himself, and the entire family, bore a good reputation in Dwight, Illinois.

Pertaining to 1935 Illinois license 1229191 issued to J. Carter, General Delivery, Supto, Illinois (Ford Buick Coach, motor No. 817433)

serial No. 2177062, investigation conducted at Dupu, Illinois by Special Agent Maher of this office, disclosed that A. Carter was unknown, and likewise E. H. Hunt, 121 N. 6th St., Dupu, whose name appeared as that of Notary on the application for said tags. It was further determined that there is no N. 6th St. in Dupu, Illinois and no information pertaining to Hunt or Carter could be obtained.

With reference to 1933 Illinois license 498479 issued to William Lohman, R.R. 4 Edgemont Station, E. St. Louis, Illinois, for a 1928 Dodge Touring Car, motor No. 4350800, investigation conducted at that point by Special Agent Maher, disclosed that William B. Lohman is part owner of the H & L Packing Company, #301 State St., E. St. Louis, Illinois, and in that community, is considered a highly respected citizen. It was further ascertained that Lohman is approximately 35 years of age, married, his wife being Rose Piot of E. St. Louis, Illinois, and that his only other known relative is a brother, Henry Lohman, a farmer residing at Centerville, Illinois.

Reference to 1933 Illinois tags 1208723, issued to H. J. Harvey, Duquoin, Illinois, is made, showing that investigation conducted at that point by Special Agent Maynor of this office, disclosed that H. J. Harvey is operating a City Service Filling Station at that point. Mr. Harvey advised that he is still in possession of the aforementioned 1933 license plates which were issued to him for a 1934 Maxwell Touring Car, motor No. 451266, serial No. 54095.

Investigation conducted by Special Agent Maynor with reference to 1933 Illinois tags, 390035, issued to R. E. Hamilton, Duquoin, Illinois, disclosed that Mr. Hamilton is the operator of the Hamilton Produce Company at that point and is still in possession of said 1933 license tags which were originally issued for 1929 Ford Sedan.

With reference to 1933 466175 issued to J. I. Blackburn, Coffeen, Illinois for Ford Sedan, Motor No. 4251611, investigation conducted at that point by Special Agent G. B. Morris of this office, disclosed that J. I. Blackburn is a member of the Board of Directors of the Coffeen National Bank, and a highly respected citizen. Mrs. J. I. Blackburn was interviewed in the absence of her husband and stated that they now have

possession of the aforementioned 1928 Sedan, motor No. A231611; that the aforementioned 1933 license plates were never out of their possession during 1933 and that none other than she and her husband had possession of the said Ford Sedan at any time during the years 1933 and 1934.

Attention is directed to letter from the St. Paul Division Office dated March 23, 1934, requesting a check of motor vehicles registered in Illinois to determine what cars are now in possession of the Karpis-Barker Gang, and a stop order to be placed for any cars registered by them.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Morris of this office:

A. H. Petry, Postmaster Hillsboro, Illinois was interviewed and advised that George Dunn, 314 S. Broad St., Hillsboro, is a neighbor; that he knows that George Dunn has possession of his 1932 model Ford Sedan and has never lost the license plates for this car in either the years 1932 or 1933; further, that George Dunn is in the Real Estate Abstract business in Hillsboro, Illinois and is a highly respected citizen of that community. Mr. Petry further advised that he is not well acquainted with Dock Barker, but believes that he is a reliable farmer residing on R.R. 2, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Dock Barker was interviewed and advised that his 1929 Plymouth Coach, motor U.81385, was purchased by him in St. Louis, Mo. several years ago, and that same has not been out of his possession, or his immediate family since the purchase of said car.

Inquiry conducted by Special Agent Morris in the neighborhood disclosed that Dock Barker has been known by neighbors for approximately three years; that he owns his own farm, residing thereon, with his mother and sister, and that he has apparently been in no trouble during his residence at Hillsboro.

F. W. Riedel, 220 South Park St., Decatur, Illinois was interviewed and advised that Raymond L. Burns had been employed by him as a lead plumber for the past twelve years being his most reliable employee. Riedel stated that, to his knowledge, Burns now has possession of his

Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 1340710, and that, to his knowledge, said car has been continually in the possession of Mr. Burns, during the year 1933 and 1934. In substantiation of this statement, Mr. Riedel displayed for examination insurance policy for the aforementioned car which he had in his possession at the time of the interview.

Pursuant to telegraphic request received by the St. Louis Division office from Inspector H. H. Clegg to determine the identity of the person to whom 1934 Illinois tags No. 759065 had been issued, investigation conducted by Special Agent Norris at the office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, disclosed that said tags had been issued over the counter from the Chicago Office of the Secretary of State on March 27, 1934 to one, Henry L. Bartoli, Bannockburn, Dearfield, Lake County, Illinois for a Dodge Coupe, serial No. D2567Y motor No. ED44326. The application for said tags indicated that said car had been purchased new on June 15, 1931 from McPherson Brothers, Highland Park, Illinois through a conditional bill of sale. The Notary Public on the application for said tags, is indicated as A. B. Cummings, who is probably an employee in the office of the Secretary of State at Chicago. The record further reflected that 1933 Illinois license 1126212 had been issued for this same car.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of a report rendered
by Special Agent J. O. Nichol dated at St. Louis, Missouri,
June 7, 1934 in the above entitled case.

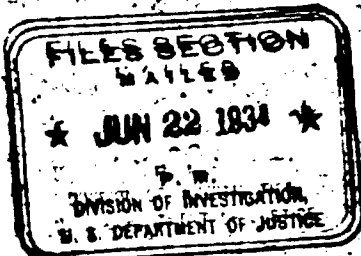
Beginning at the bottom of page 6 and continuing to
page 7, information is set forth concerning 1933 Illinois li-
cense #1227191 issued to A. Carter, General Delivery, Dupe
Illinois for Buick Coach, motor #2177639, serial #2177062.
In view of the fictitious character of the information developed
concerning this license plate, the Division desires this car to
be traced from the factory to its present owner. When the in-
formation has been fully developed relative to this car, a re-
port should be submitted to all Field Offices, making reference
to Division letter dated May 17, 1934 with which was transmitted
a chart covering all cars which are now or have been in the pos-
session of members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure 551497.

Director.

cc - Mr. E. E. Clegg
Chicago
Dallas
St. Louis



FORM NO. 1

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota.

St. Paul FILE NO. 7-30

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-9-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/27/34 to 5/23/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. L. Nicholson
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN alias "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, alias J. J. McLAUGHLIN - FUGITIVE; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., with aliases - FUG.; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: with aliases PHILIP J. DELANEY - FUGITIVE; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, with aliases-FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: 0 KIDNAPING.
<p>Synopsis: On April 27, 1934, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner Goddard, St. Paul, Minnesota, charging JOHN DOE, RICHARD BOE, JOHN McLAUGHLIN, and WILLIAM E. VIDLER with conspiracy to violate the kidnap statute. On April 28, 1934, an additional complaint was filed including the names of PHILIP DELANEY and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN. On May 4, 1934, the facts in this case were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, and a true bill of indictment returned the same date against ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, ROY GRAY, "IZZY" alias MR. JONES, JOHN DOE, RICHARD BOE, FRANKIE WRIGHT, PHILIP DELANEY, and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR. Subjects VIDLER, DELANEY, and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 22, 1934, where they are presently confined in the Ramsey County Jail in default of bond.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. E. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated May 16, 1934.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 11 1934	
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DETAILS:

On April 27, 1934, following the arrest of WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN in Chicago, Illinois, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner William T. Goddard at St. Paul, Minnesota, by Special Agent John V. Anderson, charging JOHN DOE, RICHARD ROE, JOHN McLAUGHLIN, and WILLIAM E. VIDLER with conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States; that is, the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnap, or otherwise unlawfully detain. The complaint further charged that on January 17, 1934, at the intersection of Lincoln and Goodrich Avenues, St. Paul, Minnesota, the individuals named in the complaint conspired that they would intercept, seize, and confine in their custody unlawfully, EDWARD BREMER, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; that after having seized and confined EDWARD BREMER, they conspired that they would thereafter hold EDWARD BREMER and demand for his safe return from their custody, ransom in the sum of \$200,000.00; that they further conspired together that after seizing EDWARD BREMER, they would transport him in interstate commerce. Certified copies of the complaint and warrant were immediately forwarded to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, non est return having been made as to Subjects McLAUGHLIN and VIDLER by the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota.

On April 28, 1934, following the arrest of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR. and PHILIP DELANEY in Chicago, Illinois, an additional complaint was filed at St. Paul, Minnesota, before United States Commissioner Goddard by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, including the names PHILIP DELANEY and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., in a complaint identical with the complaint previously filed by Agent Anderson. Non est return was made on this warrant by the United States Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, as to McLAUGHLIN, JR., and DELANEY; and certified copies of the complaint and warrant were forwarded to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois.

On May 4, 1934, the facts in this case were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, and true bill of indictment returned by the Grand Jury on the same day. The indictment charges ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER; ROY GRAY alias "SLIM" alias MR. SMITH; "IZZY" alias MR. JONES, who is described as 45 to 50 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches, 150 or 170 pounds, having peck-marked cheeks and a large nose; JOHN DOE who is described as

30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, light complexioned; RICHARD ROE, age 40 years, height 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds, sandy hair; FRANKIE WRIGHT; PHILIP DELANEY; and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., with conspiracy to kidnap, transport in interstate commerce, and hold for \$200,000.00, one EDWARD GEORGE BREMER; that none of the individuals named in the indictment, with the exception of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., and PHILIP DELANEY, and WILLIAM E. VIDLER have been apprehended.

On May 22, 1934, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, and PHILIP DELANEY arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, in custody of the United States Marshal; and they are presently confined in the Ramsey County Jail in default of bond in the amount of \$25,000.00 each for PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, and \$30,000.00 in the case of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN. Since these individuals are presently in custody at St. Paul, Minnesota, the word "Fugitive" will be dropped following their names in the title of this case, in future reports.

JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., has previously been released at Chicago, Illinois, under bond in the amount of \$5,000.00; and the word "Fugitive" following his name will also be dropped in the title of this case in future reports.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota

FILE NO. 7-12

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/8/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/2-6/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. H. Dickason
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnapping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Additional information secured from [redacted] Addresses of relatives secured and some additional information as to associates of William E. Mead. P

Reference: Report of Special Agent in Charge D. H. Dickason, Butte, Mont. 5/7/34.

Details:

At Billings, Montana

Confirming notes from [redacted] in a personal interview on June 4 and 5, 1934, he gave the following additional information in regard to WILLIAM E. MEAD and his wife:

MRS. MEAD has a sister in Portland, Oregon, named SCHMITT, who lives at 288 East Broadway, and a sister named BAXTER, who lives at 1440 Boston Avenue, both Portland. [redacted] did not know the first name of these people. MRS. MEAD visited her sisters quite often during the time [redacted] have been acquainted with them as the MEADS once lived on a ranch near Portland. He states that [redacted] couple of months ago, they lived at 1535 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and had a big Lincoln car.

[redacted] has been in the Cliff Lake country and had a talk with Morris Stagers and states that Stagers told him that if MEAD came there he could hide him for months and would do so. [redacted] is keeping friendly with Stagers and will advise this office if MEAD or any of his friends show. He states that the reason MEAD was called "Judge" in the Madison Valley is that

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six or seven years ago the people having cabins there caught a young fellow stealing chickens from a camp, [redacted] and they had their own trial and MEAD acted as Judge. He has been called "Judge" there since. Morris Stagers also told him that he expected MEAD to be in that section this summer and [redacted] thinks he must be in touch with him in some way. [redacted] states that Stagers gets his mail at Cliff Lake but warned this agent that he could not trust the Postmaster there to watch the mail, as he is the same type of man as Stagers.

[redacted] states that MEAD always had a number of good guns with him and usually has an ex-convict working for him.

In talking with Stagers, [redacted] stated that after Stagers had said that he expected MEAD this summer, he said that he would not be surprised if "FARRIE" would pull a stunt like MEAD is supposed to have pulled. FARRIE was a Chicago man who was a very good friend of MEAD'S and has been out in the Cliff Lake country with him. They evidently see each other a great deal in Chicago and often play golf together. MEAD that FARRIE was in the automobile business. His name is GEORGE FARRIE. [redacted] was not sure about the spelling - it may be GEORGE FERRIE, but he thought he spells it with an "a" and pronounces it "Farie". He is a heavy set man. Stagers said that FARRIE is an oil man and had a racket in Chicago; could not learn just what the racket was.

In talking with [redacted] he recalled that in 1932 MRS. MEAD and a MRS. LONG arrived in the Madison Valley, near Cliff Lake, driving a sixteen-cylinder new Cadillac. MRS. LONG has a round face and small features, blonde, is an incessant cigarette smoker. Later, MR. LONG and MEAD arrived in the MEAD'S Marmon car, and the four stayed there for quite a while; that LONG had lots of high-power rifles in his car and was continually practicing with them, showing considerable proficiency in his shooting. What recalled [redacted] mind to the visit of the LONGS, was an Associated Press report printed in the Billings "Gazette" under date of June 1, 1934, stating that a trap laid for Dillinger gangsters resulted in the arrest of a MRS. MARY CLARKE and OPAL LONG, sweetheart of the hunted JOHN HAMILTON. All the photographs in the Butte Office of HAMILTON and PATRICIA CHERRINGTON were shown [redacted] but he said that LONG was not HAMILTON nor the woman PATRICIA CHERRINGTON.

[redacted] says that he is keeping in constant communication with Morris Stagers and if anything is learned it will be promptly transmitted to the Butte Office, or through Sheriff E. M. Birely, Billings, who is much interested in the case, but he prefers to deal directly with the Butte Division Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BUTTE OFFICE will keep in touch with [REDACTED] and such informants as may pass through the Cliff Lake country.

No other leads are set out, as the Butte Office has not sufficient data to know whether anything in [REDACTED] information is worth while or has not been covered.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-43**

REPORT MADE AT: CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/8/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/31/34	REPORT MADE BY: WALTER C. ROBINSON
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">JUN 11 1934 RECEIVED ST. PAUL MINN.</div> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>R. E. Davis, George Haller, A. S. Hunter and C. E. Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio, identified as not being members of the Barker-Karpis Gang.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 4/4/34.			
DETAILS: AT CINCINNATI, OHIO			
<p>The Reference Report gives a list of cars and the owners thereof to be checked to determine if any of the owners are identical with members of the Barker-Karpis Gang.</p> <p>Item No. 23 shows that license A-80,885 was issued to R. E. Davis, 2738 Montana Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton County, for a Dodge Sedan. U. S. Mail Carrier Pohlman, whose route includes 2738 Montana Ave., was interviewed and informed that R. E. Davis is a man about fifty-five years of age, short and heavy-set, who has been living in that neighborhood for approximately two or three years, and that he has a son, E. L. Davis, about thirty years of age. Photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang were shown to Carrier Pohlman, but he informed that neither of the Davises could be identical with any of the photographs shown to him.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. D. Harris</i>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 22 1934	
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Superintendent of Mails Graischen, Westwood Station, was interviewed and advised that R. E. Davis had lived in the Westwood section for a period of about three years and had received mail in the post office box for the greater portion of this time. He informed that neither Davis nor his son could be identical with any of the Barker-Karpis photographs shown him.

Item No. 32 shows license B-23,951 was issued to George Haller, 3225 Nash St., Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton County, for a Graham Sedan. It was ascertained that George Haller, with his brother, conducts the firm of Haller and Haller, Grocers, 951 Windsor St.

Neighborhood inquiry revealed that the Haller Brothers have conducted this grocery store for about three years. George Haller was interviewed under pretext, and cannot be identical with any members of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

Item No. 36 shows that license B-92,038 was issued to A. S. Hunter, #2 Laroy Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, for a Hudson Coach. It was found that #2 Laroy Court is a delicatessen, which has been operated by Mr. Hunter for a period exceeding eighteen months.

Mr. Hunter was interviewed under pretext and cannot be identical with any member of the Barker-Karpis Gang, it being noted that he was pop-eyed and a cripple.

Item No. 37 shows that license #890,818 was issued to G. E. Moore, 2605 Norwood Ave., Norwood, Ohio, Hamilton County, for a Chevrolet Sedan. Thomas McEvilley, President, First National Bank of Norwood, Norwood, Ohio, was interviewed and informed that the G. E. Moore who lives at 2605 Norwood Ave. was a middle-aged carpenter, and that he has carried a small account at the First National Bank of Norwood for a period exceeding ten years. Mr. McEvilley viewed the photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang and informed that G. E. Davis could not be identical with any shown on the photographs.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE will complete investigation as set out in Reference Report.

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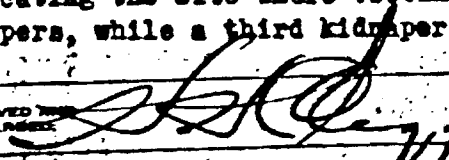
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St. Paul FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/7/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/27 to 31/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. E. Newby
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Victim BREMER accompanied Division agents to Whitewater, Wisconsin and other Wisconsin towns for the purpose of locating hideout without success. Victim insists that he heard siren coincident with factory whistle during each weekday morning and factory whistle each weekday afternoon. None of towns visited had the sounds coincident with times indicated. Street car bell Madison, Wisconsin identified resembling street car bell heard by Victim enroute to hideout. Air whistle Chicago, Milwaukee RR. locomotive engine also identified. Sites at Portage, Wisconsin and Stockton, Minn. surveyed by Victim.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Reports of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated St. Paul, Minnesota, 2/16/34 and 2/20/34.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On May 27, 1934, Victim BREMER accompanied Special Agent John E. Brennan to Portage, Wisconsin where they met the writer of this report for the purpose of visiting certain Wisconsin and Illinois towns, hereinafter mentioned, with a view to identifying siren and whistle alleged to have been heard by Victim during the time he was held captive. Special Agent Brennan, while enroute to Portage, surveyed the surrounding country at Stockton, Minnesota, for the purpose of locating the site where Victim BREMER was put out of the car with two of the kidnapers, while a third kidnaper returned to Stockton for the purpose of re-fueling.</p>			
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the car of the kidnapers. The particular site where this took place could not be located. At a later interview with Victim BREMER, he advised the writer that he, together with the two kidnapers, stood up against what appeared to be a board fence; that he and Agent Brennan could not locate such a board fence and it is possible that the board fence referred to by Victim BREMER is one of the snow fences erected during the winter and at this time has been taken down and stored for future use.

Seven miles northwest of Portage, Wisconsin, the writer, in company with Victim Bremer and Agent Brennan, surveyed the site near the home of BREMER GROSSMAN, where the four gasoline cans were recovered. After examining the surrounding ground, Victim BREMER stated that it is his recollection that the gasoline cans were discarded on the right hand side of the car. Agent Brennan stated that the gasoline cans were recovered on the left hand side of the road. Victim BREMER originally stated that after re-fueling the car from the gasoline cans, the car turned around and continued on its way. After studying the situation, he is now of the opinion that the car turned around before re-fueling, which will reconcile his story with the facts, that is, that the cans were discarded on the right hand side of the car. Victim BREMER, in this instance, as in several other instances, is making a study of the different problems that confront the Division with a view to reaching a solution.

While enroute to the hideout and two or three hours driving time before reaching the hideout, Victim BREMER is quite positive that he passed through a town having street cars; that he heard several of these street cars and also heard the bells of the street cars. Madison, Wisconsin has been considered from the outset of this investigation as one of the possible towns through which Victim Bremer was carried by the kidnapers and the town in which he heard the street cars. Upon arriving in Madison, no street cars were observed on the streets and inquiry was made of the desk clerk of the Hotel Lorraine who advised that the street cars had been discontinued in Madison prior to Christmas of 1933. Further inquiry at the Madison Railway Street Car Barn, it was ascertained that street cars were regularly operated during the rush hours between 6:00 and 9:00 A.M., 12:00 and 1:00 P.M., and 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.; that these hours were maintained during January and February of this year. Inquiry was made of Victim Bremer as to whether he could possibly identify the sound of the bells which he heard and he replied in the affirmative. The writer rang one of the bells on one of the street cars at the barn and after giving it some thought, Victim Bremer stated that the sound of the bell very closely resembled the sound of the bell which he heard. In considering Madison as the town with the street

cars, it is observed that it is possible to have avoided this town by turning to the left at the intersection of State Highway 51 and 151, and continuing on 151 a short distance making a right hand turn and proceeding south until U. S. Highway #12 is reached and continue in a southern direction. This route is frequently followed by travelers between St. Paul and Chicago and so as to avoid Madison and is a well known "cut off", Victim BREMER recalls that while passing through the town with the street cars, one of the kidnapers remarked, "What the hell do you want to go through this town for". At a subsequent interview with Victim Bremer, he stated that it was on the return trip when one of the kidnapers remarked, "Why didn't you go through the town".

It is noted that in making a trip from St. Paul to Chicago, one of the main highways is southward through Portage on Highway #51, which approaches Madison from the northeast and continues through the town in a southeasterly direction. In following this route through Madison, a trip is made down grade with the exception of one or two blocks approaching the State Capital. An effort was made to determine from Mr. BREMER's observations whether the kidnapers' car seemed to coast through the town with the street cars or whether the car appeared to labor up-grade, thereby determining which direction the kidnapers were going, if and when they passed through Madison. In connection with the town with street cars, Victim Bremer states that he does not recall leaving the paved highway until he was within possibly one hundred feet of the hideout. He cannot tell which direction the car turned at any time en route to the hideout. He recalls that before reaching the town with street cars and several times on the return trip from the hideout, the kidnapers travelled over gravel roads, that the driver of the car appeared to be familiar with the roads over which he travelled and by reason of the fact, no sudden stops were made and no audible inquiry or suggestions were made with regard to the routes which they should follow.

In his original statement, Victim BREMER made reference to the sound of a small gasoline truck. This has been interpreted to mean the sound of one of the gasoline locomotive engines which travel over short feeder lines to the main railroad routes. Knowing that one of these gasoline locomotives was due to arrive in Milton, Wisconsin, Victim BREMER was taken to that city and while sitting in the engine room several blocks from the railway station, one of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad gasoline locomotives, in approaching this town gave several blasts with its air whistle. Without questioning Victim BREMER, he voluntarily stated after hearing this sound that it was one of the sounds which he heard while being held by the kidnapers. Victim BREMER had been previously questioned with regard to gasoline locomotives with a view to ascertaining whether he had heard the exhaust of such a locomotive, and has always contended that he had not heard such an exhaust.

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It was noted by the writer that the exhaust of the type of locomotives used by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway is not audible at a very great distance. On one occasion it was observed that the exhaust of the locomotive could not be heard over the noise of the regular steam locomotive at even a distance of several hundred feet. During the stay of Victim Bremer at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago on the evening of May 28, 1934, he heard an air whistle on one of the intercity buses which was also identified as resembling the air whistle of the gasoline locomotive referred to above. The writer, however, did not hear this particular air whistle, but it is the writer's recollection that the whistle on buses are frequently blown in short blasts, whereas the gasoline locomotive whistles are blown in long blasts. Victim BREMER, however, states that he is inclined to believe that the whistle heard by him at the hideout was the whistle of a bus.

In view of Victim BREMER's positive statement that he heard a siren coincident with a factory whistle each week day morning and the same whistle each weekday evening, a survey was made of the following towns, a number of which have present the sounds heard by Victim BREMER:

Whitewater, Wisconsin
Milton, Wisconsin
Milton Junction, Wisconsin
Edgerton, Wisconsin
Elkhorn, Wisconsin
West Allis, Wisconsin
Hartford, Wisconsin
Harrison, Wisconsin
Barton, Wisconsin
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Adams, Wisconsin
Crystal Lake, Illinois
Terry, Illinois
Fox River Grove, Illinois
Maywood, Illinois.

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At each of the above towns a general survey was made for a house fitting the house which Victim BREMER has visualized. He stated to the writer that he visioned a house setting up on a knoll around which is barren ground with scattered tin cans and possibly a wooden box. He basis his vision upon the fact that when leaving the hideout he kicked two tin cans and a wooden box. When he furnished this information the writer made the remark that the agents working on this angle of the investigation, who have read the reports containing the descriptions of the hideout as given by Victim BREMER were in for a big surprise when the hideout has been located. Victim BREMER stated that he anticipated at being somewhat surprised at the general setting of the house, the location of the various rooms in the house, as previously indicated by him to Inspector Sorer, but that he will not be surprised when the opportunity presents itself to examine the room in which he was held. He stated that he is positive about the arrangement and appearance of the room and its contents. The writer presented the problem of determining the direction which the house faced from the ray of light which possibly seeped through the crack between the board which abovered the window and window sill. Victim BREMER stated that a crack was right at the sill and that the window frame prevented a direct ray of light from seeping through; that the only light which entered through the crack was a diffused light from which he could not determine the position of the sun at different times throughout the day.

During the three day period which the writer accompanied Victim BREMER, an effort was made to further develop Victim BREMER's recollections of incidents which occurred during the time he was held by the kidnapers through informal conversation with him. Victim BREMER explained to the writer that from the very beginning, he tried to remember everything that took place but that at the time he was released, his mind was in a state of mental confusion and that while in that state of mental confusion, so many attempts were made to force him to furnish information which he could not recall. During the conversation with him, Victim BREMER stated that in his opinion, there were two groups; one, a local group, residents in the town wherein the hideout is located; and the other group, the members of which were not local residents; that one of the local groups was referred to as "PANCHO"; that the members of the local group extended certain privileges to him such as offering him different magazines and other reading material, whereas members of the out of town group appeared to be of the hard-boiled type.

Victim BREMER stated that shortly before he was released, the kidnapers questioned him as to what information he would furnish upon his release regarding the sounds heard by him and after telling the kidnapers that it would be foolish for him to deny that he had heard sounds and after some argument, the

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kidnapers advised him that it would be all right to tell everything he could remember regarding the sounds; that it would not make any difference to them. Victim BREMER was also told by the kidnapers that he was either north or south of St. Paul and that he advised the kidnapers that he was of the opinion that he was in the opposite direction; than that which had been indicated by the kidnapers. Victim BREMER does not now recall the direction indicated by the kidnapers but stated that this information had been furnished to Inspector Rorer on a previous occasion.

It was suggested to Victim BREMER that whenever he recalls an incident that occurred during the time he was held Victim that he furnish the Division with this information so as to complete the detailed picture of the events occurring during the time that he was held.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

St. Paul Office

Will, by engaging Victim BREMER in informal conversation, obtain from him information regarding incidents which occurred during the time he was held and any other information which will be of assistance in locating the town in which he was held by the kidnapers.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
May 23, 1934

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MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. OWLEY
MR. HARRIS
MR. GAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LISTER
CHIEF CLERK
MR. ROSS
Newby

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black called from Tulsa, Oklahoma and advised that they had been unable to get any verification of the report that Arthur Barker and Campbell had been in Tulsa yesterday but that they were continuing to investigate this report.

He stated also that no word had as yet been received from Mr. Comstock in connection with Floyd.

Mr. Clegg called from St. Paul this afternoon and advised that Bremer's offer to accompany agents of the Division in an effort to locate his hide-out had been postponed at least for the time being; that Bremer had called back and stated that his father and uncle were in Washington in connection with the N. R. A. Brewers' Code Committee Meeting; that a truck drivers' strike was on in the Twin Cities which affected the delivery of liquor and that Bremer's father had advised him by telephone to postpone the proposed trip until a later time, thinking that it might have some effect on the strikers. Mr. Clegg stated that Bremer intended to go on a ten days' or two weeks' vacation a week from Friday and that he had stressed the importance to Bremer of making this trip before his vacation; that he hoped they would be able to leave Saturday; that in order to get Bremer to make this trip, he had promised him to keep an agent at his home for three nights; that Bremer wanted this action for protection. Accordingly, Mr. Newby's trip to Chicago to join this party was cancelled, but he will go Saturday if Bremer decides to cooperate to this extent.

Mr. Clegg also advised that Bessie Green was sentenced to serve fifteen months.

Mr. Clegg advised that Edward Bremer stated that his father and uncle would call upon the Attorney General and the Director while in Washington.

Respectfully,
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S. P. Cowley.
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BELIEVED TO BE IN RENO NEVADA WE HAVE NO OUTSTANDING PROCESS
FOR HIM AND POSSIBILITIES OF OBTAINING VALUABLE INFORMATION FROM
ON QUESTIONING SEEMS REMOTE SUGGEST HAXX THAT IN VIEW OF THE
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U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 8, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, IO 1219,
ET AL,
GEORGE EDWARD BREWER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Kindly refer to Division letter dated May 19, 1934,
directed to Inspector H. E. Clegg, St. Paul, Minnesota, relative to
Clyde Himerick, who is carried in the Identification Unit's files
of the Division as No. 77961.

Through contact with the Identification Division
of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, it was ascertained
that the arrest of Clyde H. Himerick as No. 9751 by that Police
Department

In addition to that data, the following criminal record apparently not
in possession of the Division was obtained from the Kansas City,
Missouri, Police Department for Himerick:

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Relative to this latter charge, advice was received from the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department that the Interstate Bank at Kansas City, Missouri, had been robbed on December 10, 1930, of \$45,000.00; that after Nimerick's arrest on that charge on January 1, 1932, he was released on \$20,000.00 bond, which bond he jumped and his apprehension is now desired in connection with that bank robbery. It is noted that the Division has a WANTED NOTICE posted in behalf of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department and in behalf of the Sheriff's office, Kansas City, Missouri, for Nimerick in connection with this latter charge.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

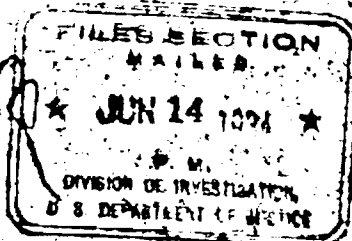
Reference is made to your letter dated June 8, 1934 setting forth briefly, information obtained at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, with respect to Clyde E. Wimerick, #7751. The Division is of the opinion that considerably more information can be obtained than that reflected in your letter with respect to the offenses committed by Wimerick, together with information concerning his associates. In view of the fact that Wimerick is an important suspect in the above entitled case, it is the desire of the Division that all possible information be obtained concerning him, including the best available photograph.

This matter should receive the immediate attention of your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - St. Paul
Chicago
Oklahoma City
Salt Lake City



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bk. Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 9, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, IO 1218,
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, IO 1219,
Et Al
George Edward Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping.

Kindly refer to Division letter dated April 6, 1934,
with enclosures, requesting that an interview be had with Eddie Smith,
Nebraska State Hospital, Ingleside, Nebraska.

The Division is respectfully advised that Special
Agent J. R. Green conferred with Dr. J. C. Nielson, Superintendent of the
above named hospital and was informed that Eddie Smith

Dr. Nielson stated that Smith being harmless and of
a rather superior type, the hospital had permitted him for a number of
years to carry mail from the above named institution to the nearby postal
station at Ingleside and, hence, had an opportunity to write letters with-
out the knowledge of the authorities of the institution. Dr. Nielson re-
marked that Smith considered himself somewhat of a detective

The hospital's records disclosed that James Edwin Lapp,
referred to by Smith as the party whom he believed might be Subject Kar-
pis, was received at their institution from Holdrege, Phelps County, Nebraska, February 13, 1934, and was transferred to the Veterans Administra-
tion Hospital at Sheridan, Wyoming, March 8, 1934; that Lapp's place of
birth was given as Minneapolis, Minnesota, but a resident of Holdrege,
Nebraska, for the past twelve years; with description as follows:

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Age 34 years
Height 5 ft. 7 in.
Weight 130 pounds
Eyes blue
Hair dark brown
Complexion fair.

Photograph of Subject Alvin Karpis was exhibited to Superintendent Nielson, also to Thordson Thompson, Supervisor of said institution, and more familiar with faces of their inmates, and each advised that the photograph of Karpis in no way resembled said James Edwin Lapp.

Agent Green interviewed aforesaid Eddie Smith, writer of the letter in question, who immediately stated that he had written letters at different times to various Departments at Washington, including some to President Calvin Coolidge; that he had only seen aforesaid Lapp once, but because he told him he was from Minneapolis, formerly, appeared very shrewd, and shut up "like a clam," when he, Smith, mentioned something about Secret Service, and not having seen Lapp since, he thought Lapp might be Karpis, hence had written to the Division. When Agent exhibited photographs of Subjects Davis, Fred and Arthur Barker, Karpis and Campbell, with their names concealed, to said Smith, he stated that not one of them in any way bore a resemblance to aforesaid James Edwin Lapp. His conversation immediately disclosed that he was mentally unbalanced.

Superintendent Nielson later requested that he be advised if the Division was further bothered with letters from said Eddie Smith, in which event he would make such arrangements that he would not have the opportunity for writing letters as he now has by reason of his carrying the mail to and from their institution.

Very truly yours,

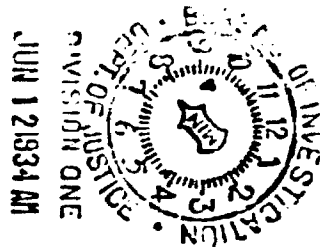


R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Omaha-St. Paul
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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
~~Bureau of Investigation~~
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 7, 1934

PH:LJ
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.#1218;
Arthur R. Barker with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir :

From a review of the Oklahoma City file in the above entitled case, it is apparent that the Division and most interested field offices have only a photograph of Phoenix Donald which was taken by the St. Paul Police Department and is, according to persons who know him, a poor likeness of him.

Enclosed herewith are two photographs of Donald which were obtained from the Oklahoma City Police Department and, according to persons who are well acquainted with him in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, this is a very good likeness of Donald. It is suggested that the Division have copies of these photographs made and forward several to each interested field office.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge

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William Weaver alias Phoenix Donald



William Weaver alias Phoenix Donald

William Weaver, #23452,
PD, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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JUN 18 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Identification Order #1218;
ALTON E. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order #1219, et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of the photographs which you obtained from the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Police Department of William Weaver alias Phoenix Donald, a known associate of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

It is noted from your letter dated June 7, 1934, transmitting these photographs to the Division, that the enclosed photograph, according to persons who know him, is a very good likeness, and therefore, a supply of these photographs is being furnished to each of the offices indicated below.

From the information reflected on the reverse of the original photograph, it appears that the photograph was taken March 15, 1933, at which time he gave the name Phoenix O. Donald, alias P. O. Scott alias William Weaver,

cc Inspector Clegg (St. Paul)
Chicago
St. Louis
Kansas City
Dallas
San Antonio

Age 27 years
Height 5'8"
Weight 146 pounds
Hair Chestnut
Eyes Steel blue
Complexion Fair
Fingerprint Classification: 9 8 8 8
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Very truly yours,

Director.

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Attached telegram to be sent to the following:

R.H. Colvin
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
1331 First National Bank Building
El Paso, Texas

R B Nathan
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve Building
Kansas City Missouri

B Brantley
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City Oklahoma

E P Guinane
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
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Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Chief Clerk
Mr. Tamm

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BREKID REFER LOS ANGELES LETTER JUNE FIVE ADDRESSED TO ME.
RECOMMEND LOS ANGELES BE INSTRUCTED TO HAVE [REDACTED] PROCEED
TO OKLAHOMA AS INFORMANT IF CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE THIS ADVISABLE. AGENT
DEWEY ADVISES POLICE CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, HAVE HOUSE UNDER OBSERVATION
BELIEVED FREQUENTED BY ALVIN KARPIS. AGENT DEWEY STATES [REDACTED] KEEPING
IN TOUCH WITH THIS SITUATION

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID REFERENCE LETTER LOSANGELES TO INSPECTOR CLEGG JUNE FIFTH EXPEDITE

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